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ELECTION 2023 CHICAGO MAYORAL RUNOFF

A tough task ahead

Voters will choose Johnson or Vallas as city's next leader, with a difficult job awaiting the winner

By Gregory Pratt and Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

Either Paul Vallas or Brandon Johnson will go from one long, tough slog to another as Chicago voters select the city's 57th mayor on Tuesday and hand the winner an array of intractable problems.

In key ways, Chicago is a city in crisis. Its business community hasn't

fully recovered after the double shots of COVID-19 and civil unrest, particularly downtown. Chicago Public Schools is entering a period of enormous transition as the school board transforms from a body appointed by the mayor to a group selected by city voters. CTA buses and trains, long a source of pride in the city that works, have been maligned for "ghosting" passengers and

Storms may impact Tuesday

Election officials are urging residents to vote early due to threat of severe weather. **Page 5**

Voting is up for runoff

Whether that leads to a higher overall turnout this time remains to be seen. **Page 5**

being filthy.

Either Vallas or Johnson will be called on to address those issues as well as endemic gun violence,

entrenched segregation, and decades of disinvestment — a tough job even under the best of circumstances.

The rivals made Tuesday's runoff after finishing as the top two in a bitter nine-way race to lead the nation's third-largest city, guaranteeing an ideological battle between politicians with starkly divergent visions on how to lead the city.

To get here, the candidates defeated first-term Mayor Lori Lightfoot, whose combative leadership provoked a polarized

race to replace her at City Hall.

Vallas, a 69-year old former schools chief, has long been a critic of the Chicago Teachers Union that Johnson helps lead, asserting the union's work stoppages during the pandemic harmed children's well-being and hurt their growth for generations. Johnson, 47,

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Mayoral candidates Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson, left, and Paul Vallas. Chicago voters will choose the city's 57th mayor. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Security, Trump's arrival grip NYC

Mayor admonishes potential protesters on eve of court date

By Jill Colvin, Michael R. Sisak and Terry Spencer
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Former President Donald Trump returned to New York from his Florida estate Monday for his historic booking and arraignment on hush money charges related to allegations of sexual encounters. The nation's largest city bolstered security and warned potential protesters it was "not a playground for your misplaced anger."

Trump's long day started with a motorcade ride from his Mar-a-Lago club to his red, white and blue Boeing 757, emblazoned with his name in gold letters

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OPENING DAY AT GUARANTEED RATE FIELD



Fans try to stay dry as rain falls in the second inning during the White Sox home opener against the Giants on Monday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

A DAMP OPENER

As home debuts go, Monday's 12-3 loss to the Giants was one first-year White Sox manager Pedro Grifol would just as soon forget. The Sox allowed seven home runs, including five off starter Michael Kopech, to spoil the home opener festivities in front of 34,784 at Guaranteed Rate Field. **Chicago Sports**

'COMED FOUR' TRIAL

McClain: 'We had to hire these guys'

Jury hears recordings laying out role of Madigan's confidant as go-between

By Jason Meisner and Ray Long
Chicago Tribune

The far-reaching federal investigation into an alleged scheme by ComEd to bribe then-House Speaker Michael Madigan was heating up in early 2019 when two key players described how it worked in startlingly blunt fashion.

"We had to hire these guys because Mike Madigan came to us," Michael McClain, the speaker's trusted confidant, told lobbyist John Hooker on the call. "That's how simple it is. So if you want

to make a federal court suit over it, OK. But that's how simple it is."

The recording was among a series of damaging FBI wiretaps played in the ongoing "ComEd Four" bribery trial Monday showing in vivid detail how McClain served as the key go-between for the utility and Madigan, handling everything from mundane hiring requests and ward disputes to high-level strategy for major energy legislation.

On another call from February 2019, McClain

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EPA to add former Federated Metals site to Superfund list

Regulators traced high lead levels in at least 130 surrounding yards to former facility

By Meredith Colias-Pete
Post-Tribune

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Monday it intends to add the former Federated Metals smelter on the Whiting-Hammond border to its toxic Superfund cleanup program.

There will be a 60-day period for public comment starting Wednesday.

Federated Metals, 2230 Indianapolis Blvd., once operated a 36-acre smelting, refining, recovery and recycling facility for metals from 1937 to 1983, including lead, copper and zinc, according to the EPA.

Other industrial firms, like Whiting Metals, operated on the property until recent years.

For decades, various firms pumped lead in the air.

“I think it’s a victory,” Hammond environmentalist Carolyn Marsh said. “It means that the EPA is gonna come in and spend money, instead of kicking the can down the road.”

Regulators traced high lead levels found in at least 130 surrounding yards to the

former facility. About 700 more yards need to still be tested. High levels of arsenic were also found in yards closer to the smelter site, according to the EPA.

They also found higher concentrations of lead in the sediment of nearby George Lake. The property is located off its northeast shore.

Nearly 10,000 people live within a mile of the former smelter in Whiting and the Robertsdale neighborhood of Hammond. The site is near a bike trail, parks, a church and Calumet College of St. Joseph.

“I’m not surprised,” Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott said Tuesday. City officials went to meetings with the EPA years back.

Hammond spent about \$5 million to remediate 102 of 112 lead-tainted yards since it started its own program in August 2021, he said. Ten property owners refused to cooperate with the city.

Those yards tested over 400 parts per million — the agency’s benchmark to step in for cleanup.

The EPA will also have to

remediate other areas, like along the bike trail and on the George Lake shoreline, McDermott said.

David Dabertin, a Hammond attorney and former regional director of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, confronted Gov. Eric Holcomb in April 2018 and asked why federal and state officials have allowed other lead-processing companies to operate on the Federated Metals site in Whiting.

Five years later, not much had changed, he said Tuesday.

“That’s insulting,” he said.

Indiana had plenty of opportunities over the years to step in — including \$1.2 million set aside from a historic \$1.79 billion 2009 settlement with Asarco, Federated Metals’ then-parent company, Dabertin said. It could have been done without resorting to the federal Superfund program.

It shouldn’t have taken the EPA to step in many years later, leaving more generations of residents exposed with their health in danger, he said.

IDEM spokesman Barry

Sneed said he was working on the agency’s response, but may not have it by Tuesday’s press deadline.

McDermott added the Superfund program, by definition, was a slow-moving process. In a decade, “we’ll still be talking about the cleanup,” he said.

The designation was a problem for property values if people want to sell their homes, McDermott said. Rather than wait on the EPA, “it was important to do that work ourselves,” so that residents could provide certificates to the county recorder’s office verifying the remediation.

Whiting Mayor Steve Spebar was not immediately available Tuesday.

“When we add a site to the National Priorities List, EPA is committing to permanently addressing contamination on-site and ensuring surrounding communities receive the protection and support they deserve,” EPA Administrator Michael Regan said in a statement.

The facility has been in the EPA’s Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

program since 2003, according to the EPA, and was passed to the Superfund program for emergency action (i.e. soil testing) in 2016.

The agency itself admitted the challenges of cleanup over the years. While federal and state officials oversaw a cleanup of the Federated Metals site during the 1980s, they did not test surrounding neighborhoods.

Documents show other companies like Whiting Metals and Northern Indiana Metals bought 17-acres of the property and kept “smelting operations on-and-off” through 2020.

The EPA inked a consent decree for cleanup in 1992 with Federated Metals’ parent company ASARCO to address the whole property. The company declared bankruptcy in 2005 partway through cleanup, which put the brakes on plans.

A bankruptcy trust took over in 2009, but it didn’t have the money to test nearby homes.

Career EPA employees in 2016 began digging through files on polluted sites in northwest Indiana that either hadn’t been cleaned

up or weren’t scoured thoroughly enough years ago. They started a gradual, years-long process to test nearby homes.

Holcomb and ex-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt briefly visited the area in 2018, pledging \$1.7 million for soil remediation in 25 homes.

Residents, and environmental activists including Marsh, suspected lead poisoning killed a string of swans found in George Lake around 2018. Further tests concluded it was lake parasites.

Lead is unsafe at any level, according to the EPA and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Ingesting tiny concentrations can permanently damage the developing brains of children and contribute to heart disease, kidney failure and other health problems later in life.

Long-term exposure to arsenic could lead to severe illness, including cancer. It’s also linked to skin lesions, high blood pressure and elevated risk for diabetes.

The Chicago Tribune and Post-Tribune archives contributed.

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boasted to an Exelon executive he’d been doing “assignments” for Madigan for 25 years and “you’ve never read about me in a newspaper.”

“I’m pretty discreet,” McClain said on the call.

The recordings, which were played back-to-back for an hour without a witness on the stand, featured a who’s who of Madigan’s most trusted associates, including 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn, former state Rep. John Bradley, former top staffer-turned lobbyist Shaw Decremer, as well as the speaker’s son, Andrew.

In addition to talk about the subcontractor arrangement, the calls captured McClain and his co-defendants and colleagues obsessing over who might replace him as the person assigned to keep ComEd in Madigan’s good graces, since McClain had ostensibly retired from lobbying.

“There is no one right now that I can actually tell our friend, ‘This is the lead (person), and when you call that guy will snap to, or that gal will snap to, and know what to do and get back to you,’” McClain told Hooker and another co-defendant, Anne Pramaggiore, on one call. “There’s no one in the company that has that kind of smack right now.”

The issue of who would replace McClain also was on the mind of Madigan himself. In two separate calls played for the jury, the speaker asked McClain who was going to be his point person on a bill being pushed by ComEd affiliate Exelon Generation.

“Who’s gonna drive the bus, do you have an answer on that?” Madigan asked McClain in a telephone call on Feb. 26, 2019.

McClain said he intended to use Will Cousineau, one of Madigan’s top lieutenants who’d recently moved on to a lobbying gig. “OK, all right,” Madigan responded. Charged in the indictment are McClain, 75, Pramaggiore, 64; Hooker, 73, and Jay Doherty, 69, a lobbyist and consultant who formerly led the City Club of Chicago.

The indictment alleges the defendants schemed to shower Madigan allies with jobs, contracts, internships and legal work to woo the now-indicted Democratic ex-speaker into looking favorably at ComEd’s Springfield agenda.

Among those allegedly receiving payments: Former 13th Ward Ald. Frank Olivo, precinct captains Ray Nice and Ed Moody, and Mike Zalewski, the former alderman of the 23rd Ward.

The defendants’ attorneys contend that the so-called scheme was nothing more than legal lobbying, part of the state’s high-stakes, often-messy politics where myriad interest groups and stakeholders compete for access to lawmakers.

McClain and Madigan are charged in a separate corruption case that is tied to the ComEd scandal.

The recordings that prosecutors played Monday came as the trial’s fourth week got underway, and helped buttress the testimony of the government’s star witness, Fidel Marquez, a former ComEd senior executive who cooperated with authorities in exchange for leniency.

Marquez, who was on the witness stand over five days, testified Monday that when he became ComEd’s top government affairs executive in 2012, a plan was already in place to pay Madigan associates as subcontractors with Doherty’s consulting company.

After being confronted by the FBI in January 2019, Marquez flipped and agreed to make secret recordings of colleagues. In a ruse created by investigators, Marquez went to each of them asking for input on what he should tell incoming ComEd CEO Joseph Dominguez about the subcontractor arrangement.

Marquez’s request set off a series of phone calls, including the one played in court Monday where McClain told Hooker that someone should be transparent with Dominguez and tell him how things operate.

On that call, made on Feb. 20, 2019, Hooker boasted that their plan to use Doherty as a go-between was “the best way to do it” and was “clean for all of us.”

“Right,” McClain responded. “We don’t have to worry about whether or not, I’m just making this up, whether or not (Zalewski) is doing any work or not. That’s up to Jay Doherty to prove that. ... We’re not monitoring his workload; whether or not Zalewski’s earning his five grand a month. That’s up to Jay Doherty.”

Hooker reminded McClain that they had come up with the plan, and that Madigan “thought it was great.”

Several of the calls portrayed the defendants as less than thrilled with Dominguez, a former federal prosecutor from New Jersey who was unaccustomed to how things worked in Springfield.

McClain told Pramaggiore and Hooker on one recording from Feb. 20, 2019, that he doesn’t trust Dominguez because “I don’t think he really respects Madigan.” “I wouldn’t trust Joe,” he warned. “I would trust Joe to think that this is a quick pro quo and that he’s wired.”

Pramaggiore chimed in, saying Dominguez was just thinking about his “next job.”

McClain added that he wouldn’t mind having a “daddy talk” with Dominguez, and if he wanted to fire him, “That’s fine.”

“My instinct is that I come up to Chicago and I sit down with Dominguez and I say, ‘Now look-it (expletive), if

you want to pass this bill, this is what it requires. So, either you’re gonna play in the tier-one game here, or you’re gonna keep playing in your tier-two game here ... but this is like serious business, it’s millions of dollars.”

Later, on the phone with Andrew Madigan, the speaker’s son, McClain said he was driving back from Springfield, where he’d met with Dominguez and “closed the deal” on keeping the subcontracts with a consulting firm owned by City Club of Chicago President Jay Doherty.

McClain expressed annoyance to the speaker’s son that too many lobbyists forget that “Mike Madigan is the real client.”

Before the recordings were played, U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber handed the defense a small victory by barring another wiretapped call where Madigan and McClain allegedly laughed about how much some of their cronies had made.

On that tape, Madigan says to McClain, “Some of these guys have made out like bandits, Mike.” “Oh my god, for very little work too,” McClain responds.

Patrick Cotter, McClain’s attorney, argued the remarks were not directly tied to people whose hirings are focused upon in the case.

In late testimony Monday, prosecutors called Janet Gallegos, Doherty’s administrative assistant for nearly 20 years, who testified about a series of increases in Doherty’s ComEd contract every time a new subcontractor was added.

Invoices showed by the prosecution indicated Doherty’s \$20,000-a-month contract with ComEd had grown to \$37,000 monthly by the time Moody was hired in 2014. That amount appeared to include \$3,500 more than what Doherty was paying for the subcontracts, though Gallegos testified she did not know where the extra money was going.

The Moody contract continued until about the time he became a county official, first as a Cook County Board member and then as recorder of deeds.

Prosecutors have said Moody was shuffled on to the lobbyist firm of former state Rep. John Bradley, the Democrat from Marion who previously served on Madigan’s leadership team.

In early 2015, Doherty instructed Gallegos by email to be sure all of the checks to Olivo, Nice and Moody were recorded and that they should be classified as “client expense: Com Ed.”

Gallegos said she would note that at the end of the year on profit and loss statements.

Earlier Monday, Marquez, the prosecution’s star witness, wrapped up five days of testimony following a flurry of defense questions designed to undermine his cooperation in the wide-ranging probe.

Marquez, 61, a former senior vice president for ComEd, mostly held firm despite the efforts to knock him off stride, explaining that his deal to cooperate with the government was to tell the truth no matter how it affects the case.

On Thursday, Marquez was hammered with questions about his decision to become a government mole and make secret recordings of his colleagues after being confronted by the FBI in January 2019. Marquez pleaded guilty to bribery conspiracy and is expecting prosecutors to recommend a sentence of probation.

He testified on redirect Monday that his deal with the government did not depend on whether the defendants are found guilty or not guilty, only that he provide truthful testimony.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Amarjeet Bhachu also pushed back on defense suggestions that Marquez was doing the government’s bidding to save his own skin.

“Did you make those guys say what they said on those recordings?” Bhachu asked at one point, referring to the four defendants across the room.

“I did not,” Marquez answered.

In cross-examination of Marquez earlier Monday, Doherty’s attorney, Michael Gillespie, drilled down on a video recording Marquez made of a meeting with Doherty in February 2019, shortly after Marquez’s cooperation began.

The recording is particularly damaging to Doherty because he talks at length about the subcontractor arrangement and tells Marquez candidly that he should not touch it, since ComEd’s “money comes from Springfield.”

In his questioning, however, Gillespie pointed out that Marquez was the one who interjected the idea that Doherty was talking about rate hikes, insinuating that the government was twisting an innocent comment by Doherty. Gillespie also asked about Olivo and Zalewski, who were put on Doherty’s contract at Madigan’s behest.

Marquez agreed that as ex-elected officials, the aldermen were useful as lobbyists on “specific projects,” and that Doherty never said in their recorded meetings that any subcontractors were brought on to pass bills in Springfield.

Bhachu, on redirect, fired a series of questions specifically about any work Zalewski did.

“Did he make a single phone call for you?” Bhachu asked.

“No,” Marquez said. He also agreed Zalewski never attended a meeting or wrote a single report.

“Fair to say he did absolutely zero?” Bhachu asked.

“That would be fair,” Marquez said.

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‘Where there is people there is power’

Chicago State University faculty strike after months of unsuccessful negotiations

By Zareen Syed
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago State University chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois stood on the picket lines Monday after almost a year of negotiating for better wages. More than 70 union members held green and white signs with the words “on strike for a fair contract” at 95th Street and King Drive in Chicago.

“We are here until we get a fair contract,” said CSU UPI Chapter President Valerie Goss. “I feel a little frustrated and disappointed that we were not able to get the administration to provide us with a fair contract, but in terms of the energy here — it is great. And in terms of commitment, it is inspiring. We are hoping our voices can make a difference.”

CSU UPI members previously voted to authorize a strike if the administration refused to make significant movement at the bargaining table. After unsuccessful negotiations April 1, members decided to go on strike for as long as it takes. Picketing will occur on campus from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day the union is on strike.

While union faculty is on strike, classes, labs and university support are mostly functioning as normal, CSU officials said, advising students to attend all classes and labs unless told they are canceled.

To start off the rally with more than 30 faculty and students gathered around her, Goss noted the increasing financial inequity at CSU. “Their disinvestment in

our faculty you know is a direct disinvestment in our students,” Goss said. “This disinvestment is a disregard for our students. It’s showing disrespect for our students — it’s showing that you don’t prioritize the students. How can you have the best for our students without providing the best for our faculty?”

CSU is the state’s only Predominantly Black institution, and colleges and universities that are designated as PBIs have low-income and first-generation college students as more than 50% of their student body.

“Our students come from Black and brown communities,” Goss said. “I don’t understand why is it that these students, our students, have to endure faculty being paid less than any other institution. There is not an equitable picture here at the moment.”

A better, fairer contract would help retain current faculty, while also pushing recruitment efforts forward, she added.

CSU UPI members are particularly frustrated that CSU President Zalduana Scott — who has not been present at any bargaining sessions — received a 16.03% increase in the 2022-23 academic year, yet the administration refuses to offer employees even modest increases.

According to Scott’s 2022 contract obtained by the Tribune, her annual base salary is \$425,000 with a discretionary bonus not to exceed \$25,000.

CSU administration has been officially bargaining



Associate professor Valerie Goss leads a group of Chicago State University faculty and staff during their strike on the CSU campus on Monday. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

with CSU UPI since June 6, 2022, with large differences in the parties’ positions when it comes to the university’s finances. The Illinois Federation of Teachers said another bargaining session is scheduled for Tuesday.

“The union is determined to strike, despite it being unclear how a strike would produce a better outcome than continuing good faith negotiations or interest arbitration,” officials said in a statement Monday. “CSU has intently listened to the union and carefully considered each and every one of its requests. We have achieved agreement on significant issues, including workload, office hours, parental leave, and other points as they were raised during our bargaining sessions. Yet the financial realities at the university remain.”

IFT President Dan Montgomery criticized university

leadership for dragging their feet.

“No one goes on strike for their own pocketbook, no one goes on strike just because they want another half percent raise — you go on strike to defend your profession and your institution,” Montgomery said. “And that’s what this president doesn’t understand. Negotiations for a year? Shame on them. How long does it take to get a contract? You could do it in a day if you wanted to!”

UPI has 3,000 members in education in Illinois, Montgomery said. “We are all here with you,” he added.

UPI members at Eastern Illinois University and Governors State University have also been bargaining with their respective employers to secure fair contracts for several months, with strikes at both state universities looming

if talks end unsuccessfully this week. EIU is scheduled to have a bargaining session April 7, while union members at GSU have an additional bargaining session scheduled for Thursday and could strike as early as April 7.

Zee Space, a CSU graduate student in clinical and mental health and a member of the Black Student Psychological Association, expressed her concerns over inadequate support for CSU staff.

“They choose to work here so that students like me and thousands of other students receive an overall quality education — for that I cannot be silent,” Space said. “If you want to make a change you must have a seat at the table, and today I sit at the table on the side of faculty and staff.”

Tara Stamps, speaking on behalf of the Chicago Teach-

ers Union, told striking members of CSU UPI not to be afraid of withholding their labor until an equitable contract is reached.

“We are fighting for the respect of our profession, the profession that we went to school for,” she said. “I think about everything these young people have gone through just to be at this university — neighborhood violence, school closures, disinvestment in the community — everything they have survived already.”

Stamps cited union workers across the city and country striking for fair contracts and better working conditions, including at Starbucks, Amazon and CTU.

“Where there is people there is power,” she said. “Do not leave that table until you get everything you came for.”

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10 things to know about tornadoes

By Nell Salzman and Olivia Alexander
Chicago Tribune

Severe weather is possible in the Chicago area Tuesday afternoon and evening, according to the National Weather Service.

A considerable amount of uncertainty exists about these potential storms, but damaging hail and a few tornadoes are possible, and meteorologists will be monitoring changing weather conditions.

A tornado with wind gusts from 90 to 100 mph that tore through Belvidere Friday night and led to a fatal roof collapse. The National Weather Service also reported a tornado traveled 1.6 miles from Lombard to Addison in DuPage County on Friday night, and on the same night in downstate Crawford County, a tornado touched down near New Hebron, killing three people.

Saturday evening, Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued an emergency disaster proclamation to unlock immediate assistance and provide public safety support for communities across Illinois impacted by Friday night’s tornadoes and severe weather.

During this time of year when volatile weather can often occur, here are 10 important things to know about tornadoes:

1. A TORNADO WATCH IS LESS SEVERE THAN A TORNADO WARNING

The National Weather Service issues a tornado watch when conditions could lead to the development of tornadoes. A tornado watch can last several hours and will be issued in advance of the actual formation of a tornado. During this time, residents of the area should be prepared to seek shelter if conditions worsen.

A tornado warning takes place when a tornado has already formed and been detected by radar or sighted by spotters. In this event, people in the designated area should seek shelter immediately. A tornado warning can be issued without a watch being issued first. Warnings are normally issued for about 30 minutes, according to the National Weather Service.

As of Monday morning, there were no tornado warnings in effect in Illinois because there were no storms capable of producing tornadoes anywhere in the state, said Jeffrey Frame, professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of

Illinois.

During a tornado warning, residents will be alerted by a siren sounding a single tone. In Illinois, these sirens are tested at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. If the possibility of severe weather exists on this date, officials may change the test time.

2. ILLINOIS IS NO STRANGER TO TORNADOES

Illinois averaged 54 tornadoes per year based on 1991-2020 data. But there were none in 1919 and 1933, and as many as 124 in 2006.

Kevin Doom, meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said the state with the most tornadoes per year has historically been Texas. In 2022, the state had 159 tornadoes.

3. WHEN TO EXPECT A TWISTER

Spring is the peak season for tornadoes, and April, May, and June are the most common months, but they can happen any time there are thunderstorms with strong winds.

Although tornadoes can form at any time of day, most tornadoes take place

in the afternoon and evening between 4 and 9 p.m.

Nearly 60% of all tornadoes between 1950 and 2020 in Illinois occurred between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and most tornado-related injuries occurred between 2 and 5 p.m., according to a study conducted at the University of Illinois.

4. HOW CLOUDS CAN CHANGE FROM THUNDERSTORMS TO TORNADOES.

Tornadoes come from supercell thunderstorms, and a tornado’s power depends on the power of the storm.

They often develop from severe thunderstorms in warm, unstable air ahead of cold fronts. When warm and cool air combine in a storm, warm air rises and cool air falls. This vertical movement creates spin, which leads to the tornado’s funnel-like cloud.

Robert Trapp, also a professor of atmospheric sciences at University of Illinois, said that the weather system that brought storms over the weekend is very similar to the weather system that is moving through the U.S. right now — from Iowa into Illinois.

He is with a team of researchers called PERiLS, which is working to understand these storm patterns. They focus on pinpointing where tornadoes may form in thunderstorm clouds that span hundreds of miles.

But tornadoes can strike any place at any time, explained Frame. Tornado formation is a result of geographic conditions — large bodies of water that provide a source of moisture, like the Gulf of Mexico, can start the process.

5. MEASURING SEVERITY

The National Weather Service rates tornadoes on the Enhanced Fujita scale from an EF-0 to an EF-5. The



A woman walks past downed tree limbs on her property along Main Street on Saturday in Belvidere. Tornado-strength winds on Friday swept through the area and damaged the Apollo Theatre on nearby State Street, whose roof and marquee sign collapsed during a concert, injuring at least 40 people and causing one fatality. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

scale assigns each tornado a rating based on wind speed and related damage. The EF-0 storms have a top 3 second gust speed of 65 to 85 mph, while EF-5 storms reach over 200 miles per hour.

The National Weather Service rated the storm that caused a roof to collapse in Belvidere an EF-1 with wind speeds between 90 and 100 mph. The storm that traveled from Lombard to Addison was also rated an EF-1.

6. TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY DURING A TORNADO WARNING

During a tornado warning, experts recommend going to a shelter’s lowest level — a basement, closet or center hallway. Windows should be avoided.

If you are in a vehicle during a tornado, the National Weather Service recommends that the best course of action is to drive to the nearest place of shelter.

Skyscrapers aren’t immune to tornadoes, as some Chicago residents may believe.

If you’re in a tall building during a severe weather event, it is essential to move to the ground level in a place with no windows.

“Plan ahead,” said Trapp. “If you know that your area is a heightened risk, maybe rethink your plans to go to the movies.”

7. GETTING PREPARED

Tornado experts recommend making an emergency preparedness kit for your home.

The following items are applicable to all human-made or natural disasters:

- Nonperishable food and water for several days
- First aid kit, prescription medication, hygiene products
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio to receive weather information
- Phone and phone chargers
- Cash
- Change of clothing
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Important documents including identification, insurance, etc.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency also recommends preparing a communication plan in case of a major weather event. The National Weather Service advises organizations to hold routine tornado drills and practice emergency procedures regularly.

8. PREPARING PETS

Pets should be placed in crates or kennels and brought with you to your designated tornado-safe area, according to the American Humane Society. If you are able to evacuate, the organization recommends

you take your pets with you.

Before the storm, make your tornado shelter safe for pets by removing dangerous items. Also put together a pet emergency preparedness kit in advance of severe weather.

9. HISTORICAL TORNADOES

Illinois has experienced two of the worst tornadoes in the nation’s history: the infamous Tri-State tornado of March 18, 1925, which resulted in 695 deaths, 2,000 injuries, and \$130 million in property damage; and the Mattoon tornado of May 26, 1917, which resulted in 101 deaths, 638 injuries, and \$55 million in property damage.

It’s been a number of years since a significant tornado has hit the immediate Chicago area.

10. WHAT’S COMING?

The National Weather Service meteorologist confirmed that there is a high level of uncertainty around Tuesday night’s weather. While there is a possibility no thunderstorms will form Tuesday evening, he said that if there are storms, they are likely to be severe.

He encouraged the public to keep a “close eye” on the weather Tuesday night.

“Assume that the storms will pop up,” Doom said. “Because if they do, they will be on the stronger side.”

Former teacher accused of stalking Lightfoot

By Sarah Macaraeg
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Public Schools teacher Garrett McLinn is facing two felony counts of stalking after Mayor Lori Lightfoot told authorities McLinn “continued to show up in and around” the immediate area of her Logan Square home, at least four times over two days in late March, court records show. The complaint states that after McLinn, 36, was asked multiple times to leave, he “continued to angrily make his concerns known,” regarding the need for the number of Chicago Police Department officers assigned for her protection. When McLinn allegedly resisted arrest, one of the

officers assigned Lightfoot’s security detail “executed an emergency takedown and emergency handcuffing,” according to a CPD arrest report. McLinn refused emergency medical services at the scene but was later transported from lockup to a hospital for pain in his right arm, the arrest report shows. McLinn was also charged with misdemeanor resisting arrest, court records show. In bond court Saturday afternoon, Judge Susana Ortiz set McLinn’s bond at \$20,000, on the conditions of GPS monitoring, no further contact with Lightfoot and, if he owns any firearms, that he surrender them, a spokesperson for the Cook County state’s attor-

ney’s office said. McLinn was released later that day after posting a deposit on his cash bond, according to court records. The Tribune was not able to reach McLinn, a recent teacher and girls track and field coach at William Howard Taft High School, for comment Monday. During Taft’s Local School Council meeting March 14, McLinn said he’d resigned from his job in February over the school’s handling of a girl athlete’s complaint of harassment by a boy on the track team. “I was looked at as the problem,” said McLinn, according to a video recording of the meeting. He said he’d escalated the girl’s complaint to the CPS Office

of Student Protections, adding, “I should have also called the Police Department.” McLinn said he was being made to undergo a “fit for service process” as a result, and two track and field parents voiced their support for their child’s coach during the meeting. A false report of a gun threat recently heightened security concerns at Taft, prompting a student walkout March 9, Principal Mark Grishaber said at the LSC meeting, although CPD investigators found, “There was no threat. There was never a threat,” the principal said. There’s no indication from the court records related to McLinn’s arrest

that the incident had any connection with school safety concerns. Without naming McLinn, the administration recently sent parents and guardians a letter regarding a staffer who had been taken into custody for reasons unrelated to the school. “This individual has not been currently permitted to work at our school or enter any of our school buildings since earlier this school year, prior to this arrest,” the Taft administration wrote. “While we cannot provide further details for privacy reasons, please know that we are taking this situation extremely seriously.” The mayor’s office released a statement: “No one, including any elected

official, should have to experience threats of physical harm, regardless of their political ideology. I am grateful to the Chicago Police Department and state’s attorney’s office for their efforts to pursue justice in this incident.” On Saturday, the Chicago Teachers Union tweeted, “No matter how high the political temperature gets, we do not condone any act of violence because we know these acts weaken our democracy.” The incident “should push CPS to create a safety plan for every school in our great city,” the union added. *Chicago Tribune’s Megan Crepeau and Gregory Pratt contributed.*

Trump

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— all carried live on television. The mini-parade took him past supporters waving banners and cheering, decrying the case against him that stems from payments made during his 2016 campaign — as politically motivated. Trump is already months into a third campaign to reclaim the White House he lost to President Joe Biden in 2020, and he and his advisers seemed to relish the attention. Cable networks followed his plane at airports in Florida and New York with video from the air, and senior campaign aides were joined aboard by his son, Eric Trump, who eagerly posted photos of the wall-to-wall coverage from his seat. The scene was quite different in New York, where Trump will be arraigned Tuesday — facing a judge in the city where he built a national profile in business and entertainment but became deeply unpopular as he moved into politics. Prosecutors say their case against him has nothing to do with politics and have defended the work of



Supporters of Donald Trump wait for his motorcade to pass Monday in West Palm Beach, Florida. **GIORGIO VIERA/GETTY-AFP**

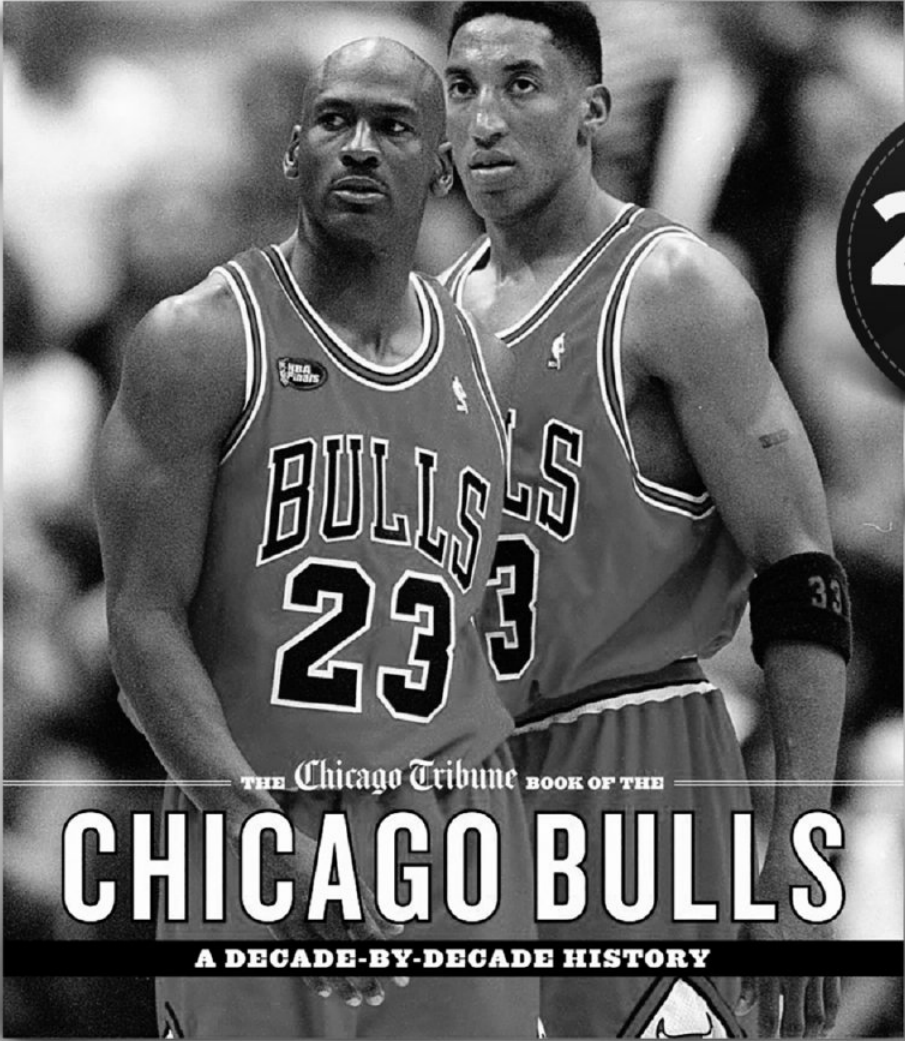
Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg who is leading it. City leaders urged calm. “While there may be some rabble rousers thinking about coming to our city tomorrow, our message is clear and simple: Control yourselves,” New York Mayor Eric Adams said. “New York City is our home. ... We are the safest large city in America because we respect the rule of law.” Trump stepped off his jet alone and directly into a waiting black SUV, with no one greeting him. Only small, sparse groups of supporters lined the route

as his motorcade used a police escort to whisk him into Manhattan. From the air, the procession conjured images of a current president on the move rather than a former one facing criminal charges. But there was no one to greet him as he arrived at Trump Tower, the street having been cleared. He gave a brief wave anyway. Advisers said Trump spent the flight working. He was to meet with his attorneys, then spend the night at Trump Tower before surrendering to authorities for booking and the arraignment.

It was the opening of unprecedented chapter in U.S. history, with Trump the first former president to face criminal charges. But he and his team have suggested it could boost his chances at winning the presidency again next year. In the meantime, the case is causing major legal, political and cultural events to collide in unprecedented ways. Trump senior adviser Jason Miller said the campaign had raised \$7 million since word of the indictment broke, but official figures have not yet been released. One Trump fundraising email Monday carried the subject line, “Tomorrow, I will be arrested.” After initially being caught off guard by news of the indictment last Thursday, advisers are now working to see if the case against him helps his 2024 campaign. That idea clashed with the former president’s own attorneys, however, who asked the judge in a Monday filing to ban photo and video coverage of his arraignment, which is expected Tuesday afternoon. Trump also bolstered his legal team Monday, adding

a third high-profile attorney, Todd Blanche, according to three people familiar with the matter. Blanche, a former federal prosecutor, has previously represented Trump’s former campaign chairman Paul Manafort. Trump Tower was open Monday and, though security was tight. There were few supporters for Trump or people protesting against him nearby. Officials haven’t seen an influx of people coming into the city, as was the case in Washington in the days before a mob of Trump supporters overran the U.S. Capitol in January 2021. Still, they warned that possessing a weapon in certain areas of the city, including near courthouses, is a crime. One of Trump’s staunchest defenders in Congress, Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, was helping to organize a Tuesday morning rally at a park across from the courthouse where Trump will appear, and Mayor Adams took the unusual step of calling her out by name. “Although we have no specific threats, people like Marjorie Taylor Greene, who is known to spread misinformation and hate

speech, she’s stated she’s coming to town,” Adams said. “While you’re in town, be on your best behavior.” Authorities also have taken steps to close and secure the courthouse floor where Trump is to appear before a judge as part of his arraignment. Trump is facing multiple charges of falsifying business records, including at least one felony offense, in the indictment handed down by a Manhattan grand jury last week. The investigation is scrutinizing six-figure payments made to porn actor Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal. Both say they had sexual encounters with the married Trump years before he got into politics. Trump denies having sexual liaisons with either woman and has denied any wrongdoing involving payments. Arriving in Minnesota where he was touring a factory to promote his administration’s economic policies, Biden was asked if he thought there would be unrest in New York. “No, I have faith in the New York Police Department,” the president replied. He also said he had faith in the nation’s legal system.



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ELECTION 2023

Voters urged to come early due to weather

By Shanzeh Ahmad and Adriana Perez
Chicago Tribune

The threat of severe weather Tuesday has officials urging Chicago residents to vote early in the day for the runoff election to decide 14 ward representatives as well as the city's new mayor.

The National Weather Service Chicago forecast a chance for severe storms on Election Day in the afternoon leading into the evening, including the potential for destructive winds, damaging hail and a few tornadoes, according to a Twitter post Monday morning.

The National Weather Service said a "warm and moist atmosphere" Tuesday afternoon and evening will produce conditions that could lead to severe storms, but strong warm air coming in could prevent thunderstorms from devel-



Election judge Jerome Gay puts out signs as voters wait as early voting begins on March 20 for the runoff election at the Chicago Board of Elections Loop Supersite. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

oping. Potential outcomes range from no storms in the Chicago area to a few storms with hail and tornadoes capable of extensive damage.

Weather service meteorologist Matt Friedlein said that Chicagoans should expect the first half of the

day to be "gloomy" and "crummy," and that the warm front in the afternoon will bring a chance for scattered thunderstorms.

"If we get those thunderstorms, they're very likely to be severe given the setup. So that's just something for people to watch, check in

with the forecast," Friedlein said. "If there's any watches issued, think about (your) plans for going to the polls. Especially late in the day and in the early evening, those last couple hours of poll time, watch for the potential for some severe weather ... Consider going earlier."

The high and low temperatures Tuesday will sit just around the low to mid-60s, according to the weather service.

All 50 ward early voting sites and the Board Supersite (191 N. Clark) will be open as vote centers on Election Day. All locations are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A strong cold front is expected to move across the area Wednesday morning, the weather service said, which if slowed, could cause scattered thunderstorms after sunrise and may become severe east of Interstate 55 late Wednesday morning and early afternoon. The high Wednesday is expected to be around 70 with the low quickly cooling down to the low 30s.

Highs on Thursday and Friday will be around 50 paired with sunny and dry skies followed by lows in the 30s on both days.

Severe weather hit the

area earlier in the weekend, and the weather service confirmed a total of 16 tornadoes in its coverage area in northern Illinois and northwest Indiana. Gov. J.B. Pritzker declared a state disaster proclamation over the weekend for Boone County, which includes Belvidere; Crawford County; DuPage County in Chicago's western suburbs; Sangamon County in the Springfield area; and Marion County in south-central Illinois. These counties will be prioritized by the Pritzker administration to receive state help to aid in their cleanup and recovery efforts.

DuPage County on Monday issued a disaster declaration after an EF-1 tornado hit Addison on Friday night. An EF-1 tornado also blew through Belvidere on Friday night causing a roof collapse at a metal concert at the Apollo Theatre that left one dead and 40 other adults injured.

Mayor

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regularly paints Vallas' approach to public education as "morally bankrupt" for his promotion of private school vouchers and expansion of charters across the country.

On crime, Vallas has offered tough talk and positioned himself as the pro-law enforcement candidate who will stamp out the "complete lawlessness" he has seen in Chicago by, among other things, reversing Police Department rules he contends restrict cops from doing their jobs. Johnson, meanwhile, decried the city's reliance on policing as a "failed" strategy and instead promised a new citywide strategy that would shift focus toward community investments in housing, mental health and more.

The candidates have savaged each other over the past five weeks, criticizing one another for their public safety and finance plans, diametric philosophies on education as well as past associations with, in Johnson's case, the "defund the police" movement and, in Vallas', Republican and right-wing circles.

Now the voters get their say.

On Monday, Vallas campaigned at Old Fashioned Donuts in Roseland, where he deflected questions about his standing in the polls.

"I'm just driving on. I see that finish line. I'm not looking at who's catching up or where my opponent is in the race," Vallas said.

His message to undecided voters, Vallas said, is "about leadership," and he heralded his time leading school districts in Chicago, New Orleans and Philadelphia, among others.

The school districts "that I've had the privilege of taking on have been by invitation, and they've always been institutions in crisis," Vallas said. "Whether it was the city budget crisis in the '90s or taking over (CPS) schools in 1995 with Gery Chico or rebuilding a district that had been destroyed by a catastrophic hurricane. ... I've always responded to calls for help. The city needs help."

The candidate, who was joined by 9th Ward Ald. Anthony Beale and former South Side U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, then bought several dozen doughnuts for his campaign team.

Johnson, meanwhile, campaigned at Rainbow/PUSH headquarters in Hyde Park, where he was asked if he feels his campaign is a "David and Goliath" race. He noted that he was a little-known candidate when he announced his candidacy last fall.

"I would say that is quite the leap to the forefront of the political establishment and when that smooth stone hits it, it's gonna fall," Johnson said.

Johnson said a win on Election Day would reverberate nationally.

"Our win tomorrow sets up a standard of what it takes to move a city," Johnson said.

Key questions remained

for the candidates. Vallas made the runoff after winning more conservative white wards on the Northwest and Southwest sides, as well as downtown wards and the Near North Side. Johnson did best with progressive voters on the north lakefront and along Milwaukee Avenue.

Both have tried to broaden their appeal to Latino and Black voters, key blocs who broke in favor of other candidates in the first round and who now have to choose between Vallas and Johnson. To that end, the runoff election has been just as much about race in a segregated city as it has been about crime, taxes and education.

While touting a campaign of "unity," Johnson has also seized upon a message of Black liberation and frequently attempted to portray Vallas as dismissive of minority communities in Chicago. Vallas, in turn, has stressed his long-standing relationships with Black and Latino political leaders who say they trust his experience while condemning what they say are Johnson's attempts to make it about "race."

But ultimately, the candidates understood they came from opposite ends of the spectrum in the original nine-candidate field and had to pivot to the center to gain ground.

Johnson in recent weeks forcefully repudiated the "defund" calls to reallocate law enforcement budgets despite embracing them in 2020. Vallas has hammered his message of being a "lifelong Democrat" and sought to line up establishment surrogates such as former Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, a popular Black politician, to counter attacks that Vallas is a conservative in disguise.

Whatever direction Chicagoans pick Tuesday is sure to spell a new era for the city's politics: It will be the first time a sitting mayor has been ousted from reelection since 1983, when Harold Washington beat Jane Byrne.

Election Day also follows a rebellion from City Council, which declared independence last week in a sweeping reorganization ordinance that was the culmination of four years of discontent under Lightfoot. And it will serve as the first referendum on the future of Chicago after a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic as well as civil unrest and racial justice protests deeply fissured the city on issues of policing, schools and more. Fourteen of the 50 aldermanic seats are also up for grabs in Tuesday's runoff, with the council looking at significant turnover whatever happens.

The weather on Election Day is also expected to be poor, adding another variable to the mix as the candidates seek to turn out support. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, though election officials are urging people to voter earlier in the day as conditions are expected to worsen later.

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Chicago mayoral candidate Paul Vallas, center, campaigns outside the Clark/Lake CTA station with the help of U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin on Monday.



Chicago mayoral candidate Brandon Johnson, right, greets commuter Edison Edwards on Monday at the Racine Avenue CTA Blue Line Station while campaigning. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Early voting up compared with February

Overall voter turnout remains unclear

By A.D. Quig
Chicago Tribune

More people have chosen to vote early in the Chicago runoff election than cast votes early in the February election, but whether that leads to a higher overall voter turnout this time around remains to be seen.

With Chicago election officials urging voters to head to the polls before Tuesday to avoid severe weather predicted for the afternoon of Election Day, the total number of ballots cast so far has eclipsed the already record-setting pre-Election Day voting that occurred in the first round of voting that ended Feb. 28.

You can search your ward, polling place, and drop box locations here.

Through Sunday night, about 155,000 people voted early in person, while 95,000 had turned in their

mail ballots for a total of nearly 250,000 ballots cast. In the February election, the total number of ballots cast two days before Election Day was a little more than 211,000. After all mail ballots were counted, February turnout was 36%, slightly higher than both rounds of the 2019 election, but lower than the 2011 election and the runoff in 2015, when it was 41%.

Besides having only two candidates to choose from for mayor — rather than nine — higher early turnout could be driven by families of Chicago Public Schools students opting to vote early in person before heading out for spring break. Early votes were similarly high in 2015, when CPS' spring break was also scheduled during Election Day. In 2019, spring break fell after elections.

While overall totals are higher, vote-by-mail totals

are lower than they were at this time before Feb. 28.

Through Sunday, about 7,000 fewer voters had turned in mail ballots. Even so, Chicago Board of Elections spokesman Max Bever said he was "honestly a little shocked" the board had nearly caught up to totals from this time in February. The turnaround between the proclamation of results from the Feb. 28 elections and the Apr. 4 runoff meant mail ballots could not be sent until March 18.

"This turnaround between the municipal and runoff elections has always been tight," Bever said, but the board had more than 200,000 mail ballots to get to voters this cycle — three or four times higher than previous municipal elections. That made it "nearly impossible to get everything done in a timely way for voters. We plan to address this with legislators with an ask to more

fully fund our vote-by-mail department moving forward so we can scale up to voters' expectations (for example, expedited postage fees are more expensive than ever)."

Turnout is difficult to predict for runoffs. It rose after the first round in 2015, which featured the head-to-head battle between Rahm Emanuel and Jesús "Chuy" García, plus 18 aldermanic runoffs.

Turnout in 2019's April runoff election was lower than the first round: it featured a mayoral race between Lori Lightfoot and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, plus the two-way treasurer's race and 15 aldermanic runoffs.

This year's runoff for mayor features former CPS CEO Paul Vallas versus Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson plus 14 aldermanic races.

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Gershkovich is not a spy. He must be freed immediately.

The Wall Street Journal's Evan Gershkovich is a top-flight journalist, courageously reporting from Vladimir Putin's Russia at a time when the Russian leader's illegal invasion of Ukraine has the world's attention intently trained on virtually every move Moscow makes.

He is not a spy.

He has, however, become a pawn in Putin's reckless gambit against the West, a victim of the Kremlin's willingness to resort to hostage-taking as a bludgeon against America. WNBA basketball star Brittney Griner's nearly 10-month detention in Russia was hardly an exercise of justice, and neither is Gershkovich's indefensible arrest on wholly unsubstantiated charges of espionage.

To report in Russia, foreign correspondents must get Kremlin permission, via accreditation and visas. In the past, correspondents in Russia have routinely encountered government threats, harassment and surveillance. In rare instances, a correspondent triggering the ire of the Kremlin faced deportation.

But, whereas Russian journalists have always been vulnerable to imprisonment simply for reporting and writing the truth, foreign correspondents have been able to do their job without being arrested.

Until now.

Gershkovich, 31, was arrested last week in Yekaterinburg, a Ural Mountains city about 800 miles east of Moscow. Russia's main intelligence agency, the Federal Security Service (FSB), alleged that Gershkovich, "acting on the instructions of the American side, collected information constituting a state secret about the activities of one of the enterprises of the Russian military-industrial complex."

Gershkovich has pleaded not guilty to the charges, and the Wall Street Journal, his employer, vehemently denied the allegations and called for its reporter's immediate release.



Wall Street Journal newspaper reporter Evan Gershkovich on July 27, 2021.
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Condemnation of Putin's actions came swiftly. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken denounced "the Kremlin's continued attempts to intimidate, repress and punish journalists and civil society voices." President Joe Biden had a simple message for the Kremlin: "Let him go." On Monday, the European Union and NATO denounced Gershkovich's arrest and called for his release. Several media organizations have also urged Gershkovich's immediate release, and we join in demanding his freedom.

At the same time, we stress the

importance of continuing to report on Russia and the Kremlin, even as Putin turns the screws on both domestic and foreign media.

Foreign correspondence often entails risk. Covering wars comes with the territory, as do assignments in countries that show little if any regard for the rule of law. The tactic of charging journalists with espionage has been used before; in 2006, Tribune foreign correspondent Paul Salopek was freelancing for National Geographic when he was arrested in Sudan and accused of espionage and

writing "false news." In reality, he had entered the country without a proper visa, which usually amounts to a civil violation and results in deportation. He was locked up in a Sudanese jail for more than a month before being released.

Many Western news outlets that had a presence in Russia withdrew their staff following Putin's invasion of Ukraine, and the Russian government's passage of a law that made it illegal to publish what the Kremlin deemed false information about Russia's military activities in Ukraine. Those news organizations have continued their reporting from locations outside Russia, and a few have recently sent journalists back into Russia on reporting trips.

Following Gershkovich's arrest, each news organization undoubtedly will weigh carefully the risks of reporting within Russia. That deliberation should take into account not just the safety of their correspondents, but the safety of the local staff they rely on to enable an unvarnished, comprehensive window into what's happening in Russia.

But now is not the time to succumb to Putin's thuggish tactics, and allow Russia to go dark.

With the invasion, Putin altered the global landscape in a way that may lead to lasting ramifications. NATO countries on Russia's western flank worry that a Kremlin victory in Ukraine could mean they're next in Putin's crosshairs. He has perilously talked of resorting to tactical nukes in the Ukrainian conflict, and he has shown a willingness to accept pariah status as the price for achieving his contemptible agenda.

Russia has become one of the world's most important geopolitical players to understand and scrutinize, and journalism plays a vital role in that mission. It's an endeavor that the West cannot abandon, even as it insists on immediate freedom for Evan Gershkovich.

ABOUT MACRON AND FRENCH RAGE

French President Emmanuel Macron is being criticized for pressing on with divisive pension reform despite a lack of parliamentary support and angry protests across the country. It's true that he's gambled, but he's right to persevere. Macron's reforms are both moderate and necessary: It's his critics who're letting France down.

Outsiders can only marvel at the rage aroused by Macron's proposal. Over more than a week, hundreds of thousands of protesters have taken to the streets, widespread strikes have roiled the economy, extremists have attacked police and damaged property, flights and public transit have crept to a standstill and some gas stations have all but gone dry thanks to refinery disruptions. ...

For all that, the mooted reforms aren't exactly revolutionary. Macron wants to gradually raise the basic retirement age from 62 to 64, which would still be low in comparison with most other countries. Although modest, that change would make a significant difference: Because the current system replaces an unusually big share of incomes in work, it costs 14% of gross domestic product, roughly double what the U.S. spends on its own relatively generous public-pension program. Public spending in France stands at some 60% of GDP, leaving no room in the budget for such excess. The longer the needed reforms are delayed, the worse the fiscal problem will get. In short, the case for action could hardly be stronger — which might explain why many are attacking Macron for the method of his reform as much as its substance. ...

Yet there's a measure of hypocrisy in these claims. Many parliamentarians who had declined to directly support the pension reform chose to sustain the government in the confidence votes, allowing the plan to proceed regardless. ... They've allowed Macron to take the heat for changes that almost every fair-minded analyst has concluded are needed to put the country's finances on a sustainable footing.

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OPINION



Mayor Lori Lightfoot attends a groundbreaking on Wednesday in Bronzeville. **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Chicago needs to confront bias toward women in leadership

By Felicia Davis Blakley

A few weeks ago, I watched alongside other Chicagoans, and the world, as the city's first Black female and openly LGBTQ+ mayor conceded her race. While Lori Lightfoot is a singular figure in many respects, watching her admit defeat, I felt a haunting sense of déjà vu and loss.

The moment had a familiar feeling, similar to observing Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential race or the tenure of Jane Byrne — the only other female mayor in Chicago's history.

As a trailblazer, Lightfoot has arguably faced greater scrutiny than her predecessors — and of a different type. You see, that's the rub! Part of what I was feeling was the sneaky sensation that I'd been here myself. As a Black female leader, I know what it's like to be underestimated, overscrutinized and unfairly criticized. I've heard similar stories from other Black female leaders who are serving in leadership roles across our region. We are subjected to a double standard and must navigate a set of unspoken rules that are unfairly applied to Black women at work.

Research from Harvard Kennedy School provides scholarly support for

what I've learned through lived experience. In the report "Failure is not an option for Black women," researchers highlight that "Black leaders are evaluated more negatively than white leaders who perform equally well. Since Black women are members of two marginalized groups (Black and female), they might experience greater discrimination, a 'double jeopardy,' compared with the discrimination faced by individuals that hold one marginalized identity (i.e., white women or Black men)."

Often, women, particularly women from underrepresented communities, are selected for leadership positions during times of crisis and given a yeoman's task of righting the ship. But what about making mistakes? Being the first comes with tremendous pressure to get it right and achieve perfection at all times, no matter what! As TV showrunner Shonda Rhimes writes in her book "Year of Yes": "You don't get second chances. Not when you're an F.O.D." (F.O.D. stands for "first, only and different").

Lightfoot is a textbook example of this eroding support. The reality is the public is more likely to stop supporting women in office after they make even small mistakes than a male in a

similar position. Her legacy in Chicago is complicated — as it is for other former mayors in our equally complicated city. She was elected with broad support and was immediately met with a set of challenges unlike those of her predecessors. She led Chicago during a pandemic and accompanying economic crisis, national protests against police violence and rising local crime.

Whether I personally agree with Lightfoot's political actions, one thing stuck out to me during her term: the way she was criticized. She was critiqued by people across the political spectrum for being too brash, outspoken and combative. Qualities that, as a Georgia State University researcher noted in 2019, aren't criticized the same way when associated with male leaders like former male Chicago mayors.

In a February article in *The New Yorker*, Lightfoot said she believed her race and gender played a role in the election, which I see as a statement of fact backed up by research. Whether you agree that Lightfoot's gender played a part in her political demise, the fact remains that she did not qualify for April's runoff. So as Paul Vallas and Brandon Johnson vie for the top

office in Chicago, I hope they have a plan for how to bring female leaders along with them — especially Black female leaders.

At the Chicago Foundation for Women, we host a leadership development initiative designed to support the leadership of Black women. Through Willie's Warriors, a continuation of the Rev. Willie Barrow's legacy, CFW is fostering the next generation of women who will change our city. But we can't do it alone.

We need to have a plan in our city for how we can build up female leaders instead of tearing them down. We need more organizations to uplift women in our community. Since our next mayor will soon be male, that looks like making sure that women's voices are included on his leadership team because women's voices need to be represented in our city.

I hope that in the near future, we will see another woman in the city's top position. And next time, I hope she is given the full opportunity to succeed, including room to make mistakes.

Felicia Davis Blakley is president and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women.

Culture wars have infected school, library board elections

By Beatriz Diaz-Pollack

On March 24, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a measure with the deceptively innocuous introduction, "To ensure the rights of parents are honored and protected in the nation's public schools." Make no mistake: This bill is a proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing and will have devastating effects, including right here in Illinois.

House Resolution 5, known as the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which was introduced by a Republican, passed almost entirely along partisan lines and purports to protect parents' rights to participate in our public education systems by increasing transparency in curriculum, school funding and safety efforts. Employing language covered in a veneer of neutrality, the measure claims to ensure that schools will make sufficient information available for parents to actively participate in essential decisions regarding their children's education.

A more sinister intent lurks beneath the bill's surface. The true purpose of the legislation is revealed by many of its elements, including a proposed requirement that school districts provide parents "a list of books and other reading materials available in the library of such school; and the opportunity to inspect such books and other reading materials." This is an onerous requirement that is meant to create an inroad toward oppressive oversight of materials deemed objectionable by regressive extremists.

Far from a well-reasoned effort to increase parents' rights with regards to their children's education, this proposal seeks to censor materials and combat diversity, equity and inclusion efforts in K-12 schools and institutions of higher learning. These extremist policies align with efforts to control the narrative and scope of American history taught in our schools and further marginalize and endanger students and educators of color, LGBTQ+ students and their communities.



Students work on laptops at an elementary school in Denver. **DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP**

In addition to opposing H.R. 5, House Democrats introduced House Resolution 219, which expresses support for educational environments, curricula and materials that are inclusive and free from discrimination, and safeguards the rights of students and parents. This resolution explicitly advocates the creation of educational environments that are physically and psychologically safe for all students, teach an accurate version of our country's history, and prepare students to think critically and participate in our multiracial and multiethnic society.

This seemingly distant legislative battle playing out in Washington stands to deeply affect communities across the country. It also evidences the deep and visceral incursion of partisan politics into one of our most essential, and theoretically nonpartisan, social institutions — public education. In Illinois, this ideological battle is on full display in Tuesday's elections as residents throughout the state vote in mayoral and school and library board elections.

Local school and library board elections,

nonpartisan by design, now are subject to credible threats from candidates intent on furthering exclusionary policies such as book bans and opposition to diversity, equity and inclusion policies. The Democratic Party of Illinois has made an unprecedented commitment of \$300,000 to combat them.

Here, as in many other states, extremist school and library candidates advance superficially neutral platforms. These candidates often call for transparency in school materials and claim to prioritize efforts to raise test scores as an avenue for challenging continued implementation of social-emotional learning and culturally responsive materials and curricula. They argue these materials and curricula reduce time spent on what they identify as the real aims of education.

But what truer aim of education can there be than to share an honest, age-appropriate and culturally relevant accounting of our history and its impact on our present with all our children in order to prepare them to meet the unavoidable

challenges they are inheriting?

As Maya Angelou wrote in her poem "On the Pulse of Morning": "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived, but if faced with courage need not be lived again."

Herein lies the inconvenient truth of these attempted legislative and electoral assaults on our public school system. These are regressive attempts to control the narrative and arrest progress. They principally hurt historically marginalized students and educators by perpetuating the erasure of our history and lived experiences and hurt all students by robbing them of the opportunity to bravely grapple with the realities of our nation's painful history of systemic racism so as not to relive it.

Our diversely rich school communities deserve inclusive, honest education free from unwarranted restrictions that deny the historical legacy of, and present-day harm caused by, racism. And the vast majority of public-school parents of diverse backgrounds agree, as evidenced by a recent poll conducted on behalf of the American Library Association. It found that more than 80% of parents believe in protecting the ability of young people to learn about and understand different perspectives presented in books.

It is everyone's responsibility to continue our country's arduous and too-often halting march toward genuine diversity and inclusivity in our institutions. To meet this responsibility, we must demand accountability from the individuals responsible for educating our children and young adults and protect a public education system that is honest, inclusive and affirming for all students.

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OPINION



Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen waves as she arrives at a hotel in New York on Thursday during her 10-day international trip. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Will McCarthy's meeting with Taiwan's president provoke more conflict with China?

By Daniel DePetris

The last time a U.S. speaker of the house met Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, the visit prompted extensive blowback in China. The People's Liberation Army (PLA), as China's military is formally called, responded briskly, conducting days of military exercises around the self-governed island. These were no normal military exercises either. PLA ships and aircraft surrounded Taiwan at six separate points in what could only be described as a dress rehearsal for a hypothetical blockade. Missiles were launched over the island, with some of them landing in Japan's exclusive economic zone.

Tsai's expected meeting with House Speaker Kevin McCarthy in California this week isn't expected to generate the same kind of military retaliation from the PLA — a high-ranking politician traveling to Taiwan is more provocative to Beijing than a Taiwanese president doing the same on U.S. soil. After all, multiple Taiwanese presidents have made brief stopovers to the United States on their way to other destinations. Flying to the U.S. isn't some new development for Tsai either; this will be the seventh trip during her presidency.

The difference with Tsai's current trip, however, is that it comes at a time when U.S.-China relations are at their most perilous since the two countries established formal diplomatic ties almost 45 years ago. Washington and Beijing spent decades flirting with each other as partners and possible friends. Now, the terms "partners" and "friends" aren't even in the

vocabulary. Strategic competition has replaced strategic empathy.

The U.S. is convinced that China is intent on displacing it as the world's leading power and actively working to destroy the U.S.-dominated international system. U.S. defense officials categorize China as "the pacing threat," while U.S. generals frequently come to Congress for more resources in order to outcompete the PLA. Being tough on China is a political winner as well — look no further than the House Select Committee on China, which was approved by an overwhelming bipartisan vote at the beginning of the 118th Congress.

So while it's true that Tsai's sojourn to the U.S. isn't unprecedented, it's also true that Washington can't assume China will sweep the trip under the rug. U.S. intelligence officials reportedly believe that Tsai's meeting with McCarthy on U.S. soil won't produce the same animus in Chinese policy circles that Pelosi's trip to the island did. But the truth is U.S. officials have limited information to work with and don't have a good idea of how Chinese President Xi Jinping will react in any given situation.

It's one reason the Biden administration is attempting to make Tsai's events in New York and California as low-key as possible. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan spoke to his Chinese counterpart about the trip ahead of time, Tsai's events are behind closed doors, and senior State Department officials are treating the entire affair as an inconsequential phenomenon. The idea behind this is to lower the temperature in the hope Xi won't

feel the pressure to respond militarily.

The administration may wind up disappointed. If there is one issue China feels most passionate about, it's Taiwan. Xi is hardly the first chairman of the Chinese Communist Party to remind U.S. officials about Taiwan's importance to the Chinese nation, but Xi has certainly gone above and beyond his predecessors. Reunifying Taiwan with the Chinese mainland is an integral component of Xi's "national rejuvenation" campaign," and he has repeatedly referenced Taiwan's status as a core red line. Any hint of pro-independence tendencies on the self-ruled island won't be greeted kindly in Beijing, and any attempts by outside powers (particularly the U.S.) to encourage such tendencies will be treated as a provocation.

Washington ignores this at its own peril. As if to underscore the point, nine Chinese aircraft crossed the Taiwan Strait's median line separating the island from the mainland as Tsai's U.S. visit got underway. The entire Taiwan issue is a geopolitical game of cat-and-mouse, where U.S. meetings with Taiwanese officials, billions of dollars in U.S. arms sales to the island, and off-handed comments by President Joe Biden himself feed into China's worst-case assumptions about Washington chipping away at the status quo. Meanwhile, every Chinese military drill is viewed in Washington as yet more evidence of a virtually inevitable Chinese invasion. The feedback loop is counterproductive and potentially dangerous.

One must therefore address the elephant in the room: Is McCarthy's

pending meeting with Tsai providing more fuel for that potentially dangerous feedback loop? Is there a benefit to the meeting we aren't seeing?

Politically, of course, there is a benefit. McCarthy wants to show he's just as supportive of Taiwan's democracy as his predecessor, Nancy Pelosi. He wanted to make the same trip as Pelosi did eight months earlier but was warned by the Taiwanese government that it may not be a great idea given the current regional dynamics. No U.S. politician wants to be seen snubbing a Taiwanese official, lest they be perceived as weak on China. The top Democrat in the House, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, already had face time with Tsai when she landed in New York. There is no plausible scenario whereby McCarthy, the top Republican on Capitol Hill, doesn't keep up with his Democratic counterpart.

Yet let's not be under any illusions: the McCarthy-Tsai meeting in California won't be substantive, nothing tangible will be agreed on, and the specifics of what will be discussed won't be released due to the diplomatic sensitivities with the Chinese. The session will throw yet another obstacle in a bilateral relationship already teeming with them, from Chinese spy balloons and the war in Ukraine to infrastructure.

U.S. officials are having difficulty getting their Chinese opposites on the phone. This week's events won't help the cause.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Wrong about DA Bragg

Political pundits tell us that Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg should not have indicted Donald Trump because there are proceedings underway in other jurisdictions — related to election interference and insurrection — that are weightier. This is not an either/or matter. Trump is facing charges related to alleged hush money payments to a porn star that, we are lectured, enable the former president to portray himself as a victim.

Prosecutors should investigate or not investigate, convene grand juries or not convene them, and respect grand jury findings or ignore them, without regard to political consequences. Our democracy has survived some 240 years because of the separation of powers.

Trump was counting on cowardice, that Bragg would shy away from doing his duty because of the foreseeable, nay promised, vitriol, invective, threats and smears from a celebrity living in an oceanfront estate casting stones.

He was wrong.
— Joe English, Oak Park

Daley's tenure as mayor

I grew up in the Back of the Yards neighborhood. Bridgeport was our neighbor to the east. It was also the home of Mayor Richard J. Daley, who was a frequent visitor to ours and many other neighborhoods, especially at election time. He loved his city. Even columnist Mike Royko, who criticized Daley often, admitted in his book "Boss" that there was only man in the country who knew how to run a big city: Daley. Crime was unacceptable. Not good for business.

Daley loved the business community. The more successful business was, the more revenue was produced, and that meant more taxes to be collected. In turn, the city was safe and welcomed millions of visitors each year. Daley was also a family and community man. I attended a St. Patrick's Day celebration at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, his parish. The party always included performances from each class in the elementary school. Daley sat in the front row for

each class to perform.

In 1974, Frank Sinatra performed at Chicago Stadium. After a few songs, Sinatra asked the house lights be turned on and then acknowledged Daley and his wife, Eleanor, and raised his glass in respect.

Daley was immersed in Chicago! Hopefully, the next mayor will possess that passion, vision and respect for this once-great city and the millions who live, work and visit there.

— Joseph A. Murzanski, Orland Park

Johnson's pension

I am no longer a Chicago resident and have no skin in the game as to its mayoral outcome. However, as a former special education teacher for Chicago Public Schools, I am confused, bothered and certainly bewildered as to how the Chicago Teachers Union would endorse Brandon Johnson. Here is a man who stands to collect more than \$1 million from the teachers pension fund for spending four years in the classroom, due to some loophole. Yet, does he mention he would forgo this windfall in the interest and furtherance of CPS?

It is anathema to my way of thinking that one financially struggling agency would support a candidate who would take advantage of, if not add to, its dire circumstances.

— Anne Janet "AJ" Crane, Riverwoods

Curbing school shootings

Here is a suggestion to curb school shootings. I say "curb" because we all know where there is a will, there

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is a way. Every school should have *one* entrance. Anyone entering would go through a metal detector with an armed officer standing on the other side. All other doors to the building would be exit only.

Too expensive, you say? What price do you put on the children entering your school? Maybe the schools could reduce the salaries of the overpaid principals.

— Karen Medo, Galena, Illinois

Don't reward cheaters

Hooray, baseball is back. Changes in the way the game is to be played are great. The only thing that Major League Baseball now needs to change is rewarding cheaters with announcing gigs. Alex Rodriguez and Roger Clemens are a *black mark* against baseball.

— Fred Rybicki, Lansing

Done with the Cubs

I'm an old guy — 85 — and I've been a Cubs fan all my life. My love affair with that team began in the 1940s when I followed the exploits of Andy Pafko and Phil Cavarretta. I listened on a scratchy radio, hanging on to every word uttered by the announcer, Bert Wilson.

Television came along in the 1950s, and it turned me into a super fan. Now I could see my heroes. Go Cubs! Of course, they were losers, but so what. They were the Cubs, and on TV, they entered our hearts as if they were movie stars.

This year, I thought I would enjoy watching their home opener. But no. The game was only on pay TV. After decades of blind loyalty, I now have to pay to watch those bums. Well, I won't do it.

Cub games on regular TV have been a tradition in this city for decades. Now, a few greedy big shots want to disturb that tradition. I'm sorry. They can do it without me. I'm finally breaking a habit, Bye, Cubs.

— R. Conrad Stein, Chicago

OBITUARIES

HELEN SCHUBERT 1930-2023

Longtime Chicago PR executive

By **Bob Goldsborough**
For Chicago Tribune

Helen Schubert owned a public relations firm in Chicago for more than 55 years and also taught PR at Roosevelt University.

“Helen wanted her friends and students to be the best they could be,” said Marilyn Hallett Granzky, a colleague and friend. “She was an encourager.”

Schubert, 92, died of a sudden heart-related complication Feb. 25 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, said Diane Margelowsky, a second cousin. Schubert had lived in Streeterville.

Born Helen Celia Schubert in Wisconsin, Schubert grew up outside Cedarburg, just north of Milwaukee. She received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and journalism in 1952 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she also wrote for the student newspaper.

Schubert's early career was in public relations in Chicago, as a writer and account executive at the Philip Lesly Co. She was director of public relations for the United Cerebral Palsy organization in Chicago in 1961, and started in 1962 as the public relations director and administrative coordinator for the four-level National Design Center, which opened in 1964 and was located in Marina City.

A March 1965 Tribune article described Schubert as a “pixyish whirlwind with all the diversity of talent her job demands.”

In 1967, Schubert opened a public relations consulting firm bearing her name. She specialized in representing clients in the interior design, furniture and apparel



Helen Schubert. **LINDA LUCHT**

industries, although she also represented nonprofit clients as well. Clients over the years included the American Society of Interior Designers and the Midwest Bookhunters' Fair.

Schubert was elected president of the Women's Advertising Club of Chicago from 1981 until 1983, and named Chicago Ad Woman of the Year in 1987.

In the late 1960s, Schubert also led the Chicago chapter of Women in Communications, and worked to raise awareness about women's rights among Illinois voters. She also was part of a group championing the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

“She was a mentor to me, and she was so great to talk to and listen to — she had wonderful career advice,” said Barbara Arnold, who met Schubert through the Women in Communications group.

In 1990, Schubert was named to the Women's Hall of Fame for the city of Chicago by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. At the induction ceremony, she told the Tribune that she had been part of a group of female

friends who had been helping one another — as well as other women — in the civic and professional arenas.

“She was a networker before the word ‘networking’ was even used in social networking,” said Linda Lucht, a friend and colleague.

“She was probably the best networker around but you would never know it because she was very modest. She also was a great listener and had a memory like an elephant.”

Schubert taught public relations classes at Roosevelt University from 1993 until 2008, and won the Tim Ryan Award for part-time instructors there in 2007. She also taught public relations courses for a time at the Latin School of Chicago.

Schubert was on numerous boards, including the women's board for the American Cancer Society from 1988 until 1996, and she was on the board of Fashion Group in Chicago from 1988 until 1996.

There were no immediate survivors.

A service was held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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ON APRIL 4 ...

In **1802**, American educator, social reformer and humanitarian Dorothea Dix was born in present-day Maine.

In **1818** Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In **1841** President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In **1850** the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In **1887** Susanna Medora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community — Argonia, Kan.

In **1895** dance instructor and entrepreneur Arthur Murray was born Arthur Murray Teichman in New York.

In **1902** British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University.

In **1945**, during World War II, U.S. troops on Okinawa encountered the first significant resistance from Japanese forces. Also in 1945 U.S. forces liberated the Nazi prison camp Ohrdruf in Germany.

In **1949**, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty.

In **1968** civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

In **1969** CBS canceled “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour” because of its controversial political humor.

In **1975** more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed shortly after take-off from Saigon.

In **1979** Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the deposed prime minister of Pakistan, was hanged after he was convicted of conspiring to murder a political opponent. (His daughter, Benazir, became prime minister in 1988.)

In **1983** the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

In **1985** Gary Dotson, who served six years of a prison sentence for rape, was freed on bail from Joliet Correctional Center after his accuser, Cathleen Crowell Webb, testified that the attack had never occurred.

In **1988** the Arizona Senate convicted Gov. Evan Mecham of two charges of official misconduct and removed him from office. Mecham was the first U.S. governor to so censured in nearly six decades.

In **1989** Richard M. Daley won his first Chicago mayoral election, to a 2-year term that completed the term of the late Harold Washington.

In **1991** Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., and six other people, including two children, were killed when a helicopter collided with Heinz's plane over a schoolyard in Merion, Pa.

In **1995** Francisco Martin Duran, who had raked the White House with semiautomatic rifle fire in October 1994, was convicted in Washington of trying to assassinate President Bill Clinton. (Duran was later sentenced to 40 years in prison.) Also in 1995 Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.,

used a mock Japanese accent to ridicule O.J. Simpson trial judge Lance Ito on a nationally syndicated radio program.

In **1996** President Bill Clinton signed legislation severing the link between crop prices and government subsidies. Also in 1996 the former general manager of Daiwa Bank's New York branch pleaded guilty to aiding a \$1.1 billion cover-up.

In **2000**, in a volatile day on the U.S. stock market, the Nasdaq composite index and the Dow Jones industrial average each plunged more than 500 points before reversing course as buyers flooded back into the market.

In **2001** Hideo Nomo became the fourth pitcher in major league history to throw a no-hitter in both leagues with Boston's 3-0 victory over Baltimore. (Nomo, who threw a no-hitter for Los Angeles in 1996, joined Cy Young, Jim Bunning and Nolan Ryan as the only pitchers with no-hitters in both leagues.)

In **2003** U.S. forces seized Saddam International Airport outside Baghdad. Also in 2003 Sammy Sosa of the Cubs became the 18th player to hit 500 career homers, connecting for a solo shot in a 10-9 loss to Cincinnati.

In **2008** Texas authorities started removing the first of more than 400 girls from a compound built by a polygamist sect.

In **2013** Roger Ebert, the Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic known for his thumbs-up, thumbs-down reviews, died in Chicago; he was 70.

In **2017** at least 86 people in the northwestern Syrian town of Khan Sheikhoun were killed in a chemical attack ordered by President Bashar Assad that left hundreds choking or foaming at the mouth; two days later President Donald Trump retaliated with a missile barrage on a Syrian air base.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Baygood, Robert S.

Robert S. Baygood, age 52, Precious son of Ira and Ellen Baygood, dear brother of Jason (Rebecca) Baygood, adoring uncle of Madelyn, Abby and Alexis Baygood, caring nephew of Howard (Marcie) Tilkin. Graveside service Tuesday 11:00 AM April 4, 2023 at Menorah Gardens Cemetery, 2630 S. 17th Ave, Broadview, IL. In lieu of flowers contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824



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Burnoski, Eugene Harold

Eugene Harold Burnoski, 93, of Downers Grove, passed away on March 31st of complications caused by advanced dementia. Eugene was predeceased by his parents, Chester and Mary, and his brother Bud. He is survived by his wife Helen, and his sons James (Andrea) Burnoski, Thomas (Jennifer) Burnoski, Richard (Debbi) Burnoski, and Daniel (Kelly) Burnoski, and daughter Lynn (Daniel) Kilbride. He is also survived by his sister Renetta, and a large family of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Eugene was a veteran of the Korean War. Following his service, he was an employee of American Airlines for over forty years. He was also one of the founding members of Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove. Visitation 9-10 a.m. Wednesday April 5th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove, proceeding to Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove for Mass at 10:45 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery in Justice. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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Connors, Charles William Baldrige

Charles William Baldrige Connors, 85, of Wilmette, Illinois, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2023, peacefully at home. Born October 30, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois to James Joseph and Mary Elizabeth nee Baldrige Connors. Chuck grew up in the South Shore area of Chicago and earned his B.S. in Ceramic Engineering at the University of Illinois on the Prestigious Holloway Navy Scholarship. He was an ensign in the U.S. Navy from 1960, the year he married Ann McCabe and they began their life together while he served in the Navy until 1964. While working for Nalco Chemical Company, he earned his J.D. from DePaul University Law School. In 1968, he and Ann moved to Wilmette, where they raised their family. After many years at Nalco, Chuck went on to found Magneco/Metrel, Inc. in 1981 which has grown into a world renowned leader in the refractory industry. In addition to his legal, engineering and business successes, he served as Chairman of the Greater Illinois Chicago Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis society in the 1990s as well as served on the National Board. Beloved husband of Ann Connors nee McCabe; loving father of Colleen M. Connors, Charles W.B., Jr. (Traci) Connors, Susan Connors (Gerald) Malloy, and George McCabe Connors; proud grandfather of Charles W.B. Connors, III, Thomas Cooper Connors, Jennifer Gail Connors, and Robert James Connors, Gerald James Malloy and Joseph Connors Malloy; dear brother of the late James J. (JoAnne) Connors, the late Mary (Thomas) Ryan, and the late Chester (Lenore) Connors; brother-in-law of Mary Jane (the late James) Crowe, Ellen (William) Rowe, and Beth (Alan) Bird, caring uncle of many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to loving caregiver, Nick Aviast and his family who made his last years comfortable. Visitation, Wednesday, April 5, 2023 10:30 am until time of Funeral Mass 12:00 noon at Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish, 524 9th Street, Wilmette, Illinois, 60091. Interment, private in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Tampico, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, 525 West Monroe Street, Suite 1510. Chicago, IL 60661. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Ebert, Marjorie Ellen

Marjorie Ellen Ebert (Swagler), 79, of Naples, FL passed away on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. She was born on January 27, 1944 to the late Mary (Fitzsimons) and Frank Swagler in Chicago, IL. She is survived by her children, Kate (Rodney) Martinez and Jeff (Tracy) Ebert, her sister, Carol Christensen, nephews Jim (Shawn) and Steve (Missy) Moody, great nephews Ryan and Nick Moody and countless lifelong friends and colleagues. She was a longtime realtor with John R. Wood in Naples, FL and was devoted to her clients, they trusted her and often friendships were born. She is remembered by her family and friends as fun-loving, vibrant, kind, compassionate, generous, caring and family-focused, beautiful on the outside as well as on the inside. She loved to travel and was a meticulous planner when it came to her trips and adventures. She was predeceased by her parents, Mary and Frank Swagler, and her brother Patrick Swagler. A memorial will be held at a later date in Chicago, IL

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Hamilton, James Osgood 'Jim'

James Hamilton, 85, of Riverside, IL passed away March 30, 2023. Born on April 11, 1937, and raised in LaGrange, IL. Loving son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Hamilton. Beloved husband of 46 years to Dorothy; nee: Dabkowski. Proud father of Kelly (Nathaniel) Haynes, and Diana. Loving Grandpa of Tristan, Anya, Mila, Jack, Holden, and Beyla. Jim graduated from Lyons Township High School, and Spring Hill College. He served in the US Army from 1959 to 1961, plus four years in the Reserves and IL National Guard. He was a real estate appraiser. In 1975 he founded his own firm, James O. Hamilton & Co., Inc. which completed industrial, commercial and special purpose property appraisals throughout the United States. Jim was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed fishing, sailing, sailboat racing, golfing, competitive swimming, and attending athletic events. He was a 30 year attendee of the IL High School Basketball Championship Tournament. Jim loved music, and in his later years took up sketching and acrylic painting. Visitation Today 9-11AM at **Malec & Sons Funeral Home**, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60646. Chapel Service 11AM. Interment to follow at St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery in Niles, IL. For more info call 773-774-4100 or online guestbook at www.MalecAndSonsFH.com

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Glasser, James J

James J. (Jim) Glasser, chairman emeritus of Chicago-based GATX Corp., and a former chairman of the Chicago Community Trust's Executive Committee, died March 14th at his home in Tucson, Arizona. He was 88, and split his time between Tucson and Lake Forest, Illinois.

Glasser's stewardship of the Chicago Community Trust originally was to be a two-year term, but ultimately lasted seven critical years as he and the Trust dealt with the potential defection of its largest donor. He played a vital role in restoring goodwill as the Trust reached a settlement to end a three-year legal fight in 2004 that enabled this important philanthropic institution to emerge stronger than ever and poised for the growth that would follow.

Said Terry Mazany, a former Chicago Community Trust president and CEO: "Beyond saving the Trust from the loss of vital unrestricted assets that would have rendered the foundation far less significant in tackling the growing challenges facing Chicago, James Glasser as chairman ushered in the modern vision of community foundations as civic leaders, not simply charitable banks, and invited the diversity of Chicago into the boardroom so that the Trust truly reflected and represented the diversity of the communities it serves."

Glasser grew up on Chicago's northwest side, the son of Daniel D. and Sylvia (née Goldstein) Glasser. He was a graduate of Harvard Law School, Yale University, and North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, Illinois.

After serving three years as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney straight out of Harvard, Jim joined what was then known as General American Transportation Corporation, now GATX. He moved his family from Arizona to Northern California and back to Chicago.

Glasser was appointed president of GATX Leasing in 1971, elected to the board of parent GATX in April 1974 and, six months later at age 40, named its president and chief operating officer. He became GATX's CEO and chairman in 1978, positions he held for 18 years until his retirement in 1996.

Besides working for GATX, Glasser was an outside director for B.F. Goodrich, Stone Container, Mutual Trust Life Insurance, and several financial institutions, including Bank of Montreal, Harris Bankcorp, and LaSalle National Bank.

Glasser at the time of his death was a life trustee of the University of Chicago, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and the Harris Theater for Music and Dance. He was a life director of Lake Forest Hospital, where he was a former chairman, and was on the Field Museum of Natural History's National Board of Trustees as well as a member and founding co-chair of its Collections Committee. He also was a trustee of the Tucson Museum of Art, and a director of the Chicago Horticultural Society, the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, and Tucson's Contemporary Art Society.

Previously, he served as a trustee/director of several other institutions and organizations, including the Better Government Association, National Merit Scholarship Corp., Michael Reese Hospital and the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. He helped launch the non-profit advocacy group Voices for Illinois Children.

With Glasser when he died were his wife of nearly 59 years, Louise (née Rosenthal) Glasser, along with their three children: Mary Glasser (Bill Paladino) of Cape Town, South Africa; Emily Glasser (William Susman) of New York City; and Danny Glasser (Melissa Sherak Glasser) of Park City, Utah. Survivors also include a sister, Joyce Glasser of Mount Dora, Florida; eight grandchildren; and three Bedlington Terriers.

A celebration of life will be held on June 17th. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022, <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/>, or to the Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701, <https://www.tucsonmuseumofart.org/>.

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Hamilton, James Osgood 'Jim'

James Hamilton, 85, of Riverside, IL passed away March 30, 2023. Born on April 11, 1937, and raised in LaGrange, IL. Loving son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Hamilton. Beloved husband of 46 years to Dorothy; nee: Dabkowski. Proud father of Kelly (Nathaniel) Haynes, and Diana. Loving Grandpa of Tristan, Anya, Mila, Jack, Holden, and Beyla. Jim graduated from Lyons Township High School, and Spring Hill College. He served in the US Army from 1959 to 1961, plus four years in the Reserves and IL National Guard. He was a real estate appraiser. In 1975 he founded his own firm, James O. Hamilton & Co., Inc. which completed industrial, commercial and special purpose property appraisals throughout the United States. Jim was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed fishing, sailing, sailboat racing, golfing, competitive swimming, and attending athletic events. He was a 30 year attendee of the IL High School Basketball Championship Tournament. Jim loved music, and in his later years took up sketching and acrylic painting. Visitation Today 9-11AM at **Malec & Sons Funeral Home**, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60646. Chapel Service 11AM. Interment to follow at St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery in Niles, IL. For more info call 773-774-4100 or online guestbook at www.MalecAndSonsFH.com

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Hochman, Carole Maxine

Carole Maxine Hochman, 86, of Northbrook, Illinois, passed away on April 2, 2023 of natural causes. Carole was born on July 21, 1936 to Sara and Albert Cremer in Chicago, Illinois. After graduating from South Shore High School in 1954, she went on to study Education at Roosevelt University. After graduating with a degree in Education, she started teaching in South Chicago and taught at Avoca in Wilmette, Illinois for many years. In 1954, Carole met Larry in Chicago. Married in 1958 Carole and Larry went on to have 4 children, Debbie, Leslie, Alan and Michael.

Carole was predeceased in death by daughter Debra z"l (Jordan) Feiger and survived by brother, Robert (Rene) Cremer, children Leslie (Brian) Cohen, Alan (Cyndi) Hochman and Michael (Connie) Hochman. Carole leaves behind grandchildren, Joshua (Abigail), Daniel (Madalyn), Jillian, Devyn, Samantha (Schuyler), Matthew, Ryan (Haley), Edward (Alison), William, Kayla, Alex and great-granddaughter Lilah and husband of 64 years, Larry. She will also be missed by many dear friends and relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, an organization Carole felt strongly about at <https://tinyurl.com/BAFDebbie>. Chapel service Tuesday, April 4 2023 at 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For the link to view the service virtually, shiva information and to leave condolences, www.shalommemorial.org and (847) 255-3520.



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Kosoy, Michail

Michail Kosoy, beloved husband of Ekatherina nee Kamener. Loving father of Jeff Kosoy, Hanna (Shawn) Fradin, Joanna (Bill) Polisson, Abra (Mitch) Zaveduk. Cherished grandfather of Marlee and Leah Fradin, Jack and Katie Polisson, and Kaylee and Maya Zaveduk. Beloved brother and dear uncle. Graveside service Wednesday, April 5 at 1:30 PM at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, remembrances to the Parkinson's Foundation at parkinson.org/donate would be appreciated. Arrangement by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824).



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Niedzwiecki, Marc

Marc Niedzwiecki, 62, of Arlington Heights, beloved father of Michael, Katie (Konstantin) Sorin, Alexandra, and Daniel; loving grandfather of Leo & Niko Sorin; dear brother of Christopher (Mona), Gisele (John) Manella, Jean-Yves (Cindy), Wanda (Dave) Pucci, and Isabelle (Mike) Hennessy; dearest son of the late Leslaw and Wanda. Visitation from 3:00 pm the time of Funeral Service at 7:00 pm Tuesday at the **Glueckert** Funeral Home, Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, Illinois. Interment private. Memorial contributions can be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children, PO Box 947765 Atlanta, GA 30394



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Palmer, John Rev. M.

The Rev. John M. Palmer, C.S.V., 81 of Arlington Heights was born October 19, 1941 in Nova Scotia, Canada to Owen and Madeleine (Petipas) Palmer and died April 2, 2023 at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Candace and his brother William. In January 1965, Fr. Palmer came to the U.S. from Halifax, Nova Scotia to enter the novitiate of the Clerics of St. Viator. He made his first profession in 1966 and was ordained a priest on Jan. 2, 1971 at St. John Church, in Windsor, Nova Scotia. Fr. Palmer graduated from Windsor Academy in Nova Scotia in 1960. He earned a BA in Music from Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia (1964). Before his ordination, Fr. Palmer completed his seminary studies at the Viatorian Seminary and Washington Theological Coalition, both in Washington D.C. He earned a MA in Music at Northwestern University, a performance diploma (ARCT) for organ at Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, a Licentiate in piano (LTCL) and a Fellowship in organ (FTCL) both from Trinity College of Music in London. He also studied with Jean Langlais in Paris. From 1971 to 1972, Fr. Palmer served as director of music at Christ the King Church and St. Viator Parish, both Chicago. He served as professor of music at Benedictine University at Lisle, where he taught from 1971 until he retired in 2004 as Professor Emeritus. Fr. Palmer also provided sacramental ministry on weekends at St. Petronille Parish in Glen Ellyn, from 1987 until 2020. In 2022, Fr. Palmer moved to the Viatorian Province Center in Arlington Heights. In addition to his teaching and parish work, Fr. Palmer has given numerous organ recitals in Europe, Canada and the U.S. and served as an examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. Visitation for Fr. Palmer will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday April 5, 2023 at the Viatorian Province Center, 1212 E. Euclid Avenue in Arlington Heights followed at 11 a.m. by a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will be at Queens of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Clerics of St. Viator appreciated. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or lauterburgoe@l.com.

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Pawchuk, Mykola R.

Mykola R. Pawchuk age 71 of Dixon died Friday March 31, 2023. He was born Aug. 28, 1951 in Lanark Scotland the son of Basil and Kataryna (Spolsky) Pawchuk. He had been employed as a quality control inspector at CEF Industries in Addison, IL and had also owned and operated Mr. & Mrs. P's Antique Shop in Dixon. Mykola married Maureen Rosman March 24, 1979 in Chicago. He was preceded in death by his parents. Mykola is survived by his wife Maureen, one sister Maria (Jeff) Kida of Villa Park, IL, and sister in law Beth Grabinski of Kuna, ID. Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be on Sunday April 23, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the VFW Post 540, located at 1560 Franklin Grove Rd Dixon, IL. Arrangements by the **Jones Funeral Home** in Dixon. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

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Pellmann, Janice A.

Our beloved Janice A. Pellmann née Hoffmann passed away unexpectedly on April 1, 2023, at the age of 80. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. As a former teacher, she was always drawn to children and had a lifelong love of dogs. In recent years, she'd been an active member of St. John's United Church of Christ Mokena and NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees). She is survived by her loving husband Neil Pellmann, her two children Jill (Dan) Lanigan and Marc Pellmann, and her adorable grandchildren Annabelle, Liam, and Lily. Caring sister of the late Richard Hoffmann. Visitation Wednesday, 3:00-8:00 PM at **Vandenberg Funeral Home**, 19604 Wolf Road, Mokena, IL. Funeral Services Thursday, 10:00-11:00 AM at St. Johns United Church of Christ, Mokena — 11:00 AM service. For more information, call 708-479-1210 or visit www.vandenbergfuneral-home.com.



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Shalvey, L.C.M., Sister Catherine E.

Faithful Little Company of Mary Sister for 66 years. Loving daughter of the late Bernard L. and Margaret Shalvey. Adored sister of the late Bernard J. Shalvey, Francis Joseph Shalvey, Mary Margaret Shalvey Kaufman, Eileen Theresa Shalvey Wiles, and Rose Shalvey Knight. Cherished aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 9:00 a.m. until Mass of the Resurrection 11:00 a.m. at OSF Little Company of Mary Hospital Chapel, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, IL. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Little Company of Mary Sisters-USA, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home** www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Slotkin, Louis 'Bobby'

Louis (Bobby) Slotkin, 51, of Evanston, Illinois and Greenwood Village, Colorado, died on March 31, 2023, following a valiant battle with colon cancer. Louis was born in Detroit, Michigan, and spent an idyllic childhood in Glencoe, Illinois.



The son of a classical pianist, Louis was a masterful, self-taught guitarist who found joy and solace in filling his life with music and sharing it with others. A devoted Chicago Cubs fan, Louis remained allegiant to his team through the years, and experienced the thrill of a lifetime in 2016 when his beloved Cubs clinched the World Series.

Louis was a Francophile. He reveled in the culture, the language, the food, and most of all, the joie de vivre. It began with a séjour in Aix-en-Provence, and continued to Paris, where he landed his first job with Ogilvy. Louis spoke French with an aplomb few Americans reach, something that made him very proud.

There were no places more sacred to Louis than the family cottage on Lake Margarithhe in Michigan and the Marks family home in Colorado. In Michigan, he spent his summers adrift on the pontoon boat, and winters on the ice, angling for pike and walleye. In Colorado, he spent his days snowshoeing with his family and singing his favorite songs at the base of Beaver Creek.

Louis was a world-class visionary and strategist, with an illustrious career in advertising. His grand opus was the creation of Highvide Advertising in Chicago. As Managing Partner, Louis helped develop work that won several Super Bowl awards and top recognition from Ad Age.

Famous for his rousing collaborative whiteboard sessions and his ability to transfer enthusiasm to others, Louis led with humility, and took pride in seeing ideas, teams, and talent thrive. Louis's true gift was to see potential, and to doggedly ensure that potential was elevated through coaching talent. As such, he altered the trajectory of many careers and lives, and his impact will continue to spread like brushfire. He was one of the industry's all-time brightest stars, though he never would have told you so. Louis is a legend.

One of Louis's greatest legacies was his ability to connect with people — and to connect his people. Louis was the glue, the bridge, the conduit, the catalyst. He was a stranger to no one and a comrade and confidant to all. To know Louis was to be enraptured by him — his magnetism, his depth, his passion, his radiant smile, his wit, his warmth, his charisma, his sensitivity, his unwavering integrity, his relentless pursuit of truth, his infectious positivity. Louis had a twinkle in his eye that could set the whole world ablaze. He ignited a flame in everyone he met.

Above all else, no one was more devoted to his people than Louis. He would drop everything to be there for someone in a time of need or celebration. Louis always showed up, with a depth and intensity that made you feel like the ground beneath you was solid. Louis protected his people, even when they didn't know they needed protection. He could see danger or sadness looming, and shielded his loved ones from pain. Louis's family always knew they had a guardian angel watching over them. Louis was everyone's hero.

Louis was the devoted son of the late Donald Slotkin, and is survived by his dear mother, Lorraine Marks; brothers, Douglas (Susan) Slotkin and Steven (Elisabeth) Slotkin; step-mother, Edie Slotkin; nephew and nieces, Sam, Mira, and Melanie Slotkin; uncles and aunts, Stanley and Sharon Marks, Curtis and Carole Slotkin, Todd and Judy Slotkin, and Pamela Slotkin; beloved cousins, Lyndee Berkley, Ashley Marks, and Elissa, Keith, Daniel, Matthew, William, Thomas, and Peter Slotkin; grandnephew, Xander and step-siblings, Jim (Elyse) Mitthenthal, Bob (Hilarie) Mitthenthal, and Jan (David) Rosen. Louis was the cherished nephew of the late Mitchell Slotkin, and proud uncle of the late Katie Slotkin. Louis is also survived by many adoring colleagues and clients, his cherished medical team at MD Anderson Cancer Center, and countless treasured friends from all stages of life, including childhood, New Trier High School, University of Michigan, Aix-en-Provence, Paris, New York, Rancho La Puerta, and everywhere in between.

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 11:30 AM CT at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave, Glencoe, IL. The service will be livestreamed on Bobby's webpage at www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Glencoe Public Library, www.glencoeilibrary.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group** (847) 478-1600.



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Truppa, Nunzio J.

In loving memory of Nunzio (Tony) Truppa, born October 23, 1937 and passed into eternal life on March 26, 2023 after a brave battle with a long illness. Loving son of Dillon and Theresa (DeLaurentis) (deceased), brother of Jeanne (deceased). Nunzio is survived by his beloved wife Mary, his treasured children, Theresa Storto (Dan), Anthony (Jennifer), Kim and Deana (Tom Hayes). He leaves behind his loving grandchildren, Dominic, Gina, Michael, Missy, Valentina, Giovanni, Matteo, Maria, Taryn, Tyler, and Kylie. He was the beloved step-dad of Kristie Ryan (Anthony) and Kimberli Richards (Matthew). treasured 'papa' to Zachary, Carly and Jack. Proud great grandpa to Mario, Dominic, Ava, Kole, and baby Hazel Mae. Nunzio was born and raised in Chicago. He and Mary moved to Las Vegas, Nv. in 1998 due to business and spent 23 years there. After he retired in 2002 from Sigmatron Int'l he consulted for several years in the electronics industry. He loved working on his 'old car' and won many awards at car shows. he also liked working in the garden and most of all, working on his tan!! Nunzio preferred the hot weather, never liking the Chicago winters. In 2021 he returned with Mary to the Chicagoland area to be close to family, He was the most social of people and had made too many friends to count throughout the years. He will be deeply missed by those who love him so. Services private. Donations to St. Jude appreciated.

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Vertovec, Anne R.

Anne Reynolds Vertovec, age 93, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Raymond J. Vertovec; loving mother of Terri, Tom (Karen) and Tim; cherished grandmother of Gracie Vertovec, Katie (Tim) Smith, Meg (Brian Hart) Vertovec and Michael Vertovec. Born in Dixon, Illinois, on the last day of the Roaring Twenties, she was the ninth child of James and Esther Reynolds. Preceded in death by her ten siblings, she was also the dear aunt of numerous nieces and nephews. Anne was a long-time resident of Elmhurst and devoted parishioner of Immaculate Conception Parish. Always quick to offer a kind word, welcoming smile, and delicious homemade meal, she dedicated her life to caring for those around her. Family, friends, and faith meant everything to Anne and were with her throughout her life. She was lovingly cared for and comforted throughout her final days at home, especially by her beloved caregiver Gheeo, for which she was forever grateful. Visitation Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery, Elmhurst. Live stream of funeral Mass available through funeral home website. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Wenzel, Eleanor J

Eleanore Jarzynski Wenzel, age 92, was reunited with her loving son, James Wenzel, parents, Matthew and Stella Jarzynski, brothers, Edward and Leon, and sister, Dorothy Wenderski on March 31, as she died peacefully in the loving care of her family. Born on September 28, 1930, in Chicago, IL, Eleanore is survived by her four children, Louise Reed of Collinsville, IL, Judy Wenzel of Fort Myers, FL, Paul Wenzel of New York, NY, and Richard Wenzel of Chevy Chase, MD. Additionally, her dotting grandchildren, Kristopher, Catherine, Alyssa, James and John, great granddaughters, Tathiana and Amelie, and loving nieces and nephews.

Dedicated first and foremost to raising her family, Eleanore loved time spent with her grandchildren. She enjoyed travel, the arts and theater, playing bridge with her friends, gardening, and golf. Eleanore was an active member of St. James Parish, the Glen Ellyn Women's Club, and cherished her years of volunteer work as an elementary school librarian. She was a constant patron of various Catholic and environmental charities. Eleanore lived a life of grace, dignity, and love.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Morton Arboretum.

Private services held.

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Young, Phoebe Anne

Phoebe Anne Timmons Young, age 99, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2023 in Geneva, IL, with family members at her side.



Born to Benjamin and Treva (Longanecker) Timmons on Feb. 11, 1924, in North Manchester, Indiana, she was the eldest of 8 children. She received a business degree from Manchester College, where she met John Andrew Young. Theirs was a relationship built through the lost art of letter writing during WWII as John served as a naval officer while Phoebe finished her degree. The two were married on Treasure Island in San Francisco on June 11, 1946.

Phoebe was an active member of York Center Church of the Brethren in Lombard, IL. She and John were philanthropic with their time and treasure. Phoebe served on the Manchester University Board of Trustees from 1991-2000 in addition to volunteering at the General Offices of the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, IL and at her church and children's schools.

Preceded in death by her husband, John, sisters Madeline Apwisch (Lou), Juanita Harnish (Bill), and Yvonne Wages (Coleman), she is survived by brothers Dan (Phyllis, d.2016), Bob (Joan), and Glenn (Linda), and by sister Mary Neher (Bob).

Phoebe's influence continues to be felt by her children, Robin (Clair), Christopher (Nanci), and Laurie Kenealy (Eric) and her grandchildren Dana Antoz (Eddie), MollieClaire Deguc (Jamie), Madeline Young, Zoey Young, Troy Kenealy, and Sean Kenealy, and great grandchildren Alice, Drummer, and Lucy Deguc.

Phoebe was a dedicated wife, beloved sister, caring friend, devoted mother, perfect mother-in-law, and loving grandmother. She was a role model to her family in how to live a good life. While they are saddened by her death, they know she left this world in peace. She remained positive and engaging throughout her years and had an endearing friendly way that put people at ease in her presence. She will be missed.

Please consider a donation in Phoebe's name to Heifer International, as this organization was important to her. A Celebration of Life is being planned for May 20, 2023 at York Center Church of the Brethren.

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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of
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**Senior Administrative Specialist
(Promotional)**

Application Filing Period: March 24, 2023
through April 7, 2023. **Examination Date:** May
13, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for
Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th
Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:**
Knowledge of Senior Administrative Specialist
practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under
supervision, performs sub-professional
administrative work such as document and
records management, data collection, and
reporting and coordination of internal processes
specific to the assigned department or functional
area. **Salary:** \$74,693.06 per year

**Assistant Civil Engineer
(Original & Promotional)**

Application Filing Period: March 24, 2023
through April 21, 2023. **Scope of Examination:**
Knowledge of Assistant Civil Engineer practices.
Nature of Position and Duties: Under
immediate supervision, performs entry-level civil
engineering work in the design, construction,
maintenance and operation of water reclamation
plants and sewers. May supervise sub-
professional personnel. **Salary:** \$80,312.96 per
year

**Assistant Electrical Engineer
(Original & Promotional)**

Application Filing Period: March 24, 2023
through April 21, 2023. **Scope of Examination:**
Knowledge of Assistant Electrical Engineer
practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under
immediate supervision, performs entry-level
electrical engineering work in electrical power
and lighting systems design; construction
inspection and scheduling review; and
preparation of electrical estimates. Performs field
inspections of electrical installations or assists in
supervision of electrical equipment maintenance.
Salary: \$80,312.96 per year

**Assistant Mechanical Engineer
(Original & Promotional)**

Application Filing Period: March 24, 2023
through April 21, 2023. **Scope of Examination:**
Knowledge of Assistant Mechanical Engineer
practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under
immediate supervision, performs entry-level
mechanical engineering work in mechanical
design, construction inspection and plant
maintenance or operation. May review the work
of sub-professional personnel. **Salary:**
\$80,312.96 per year

**Assistant Structural Engineer
(Original & Promotional)**

Application Filing Period: March 24, 2023
through April 21, 2023. **Scope of Examination:**
Knowledge of Assistant Structural Engineer
practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under
immediate supervision, performs entry-level
structural engineering work in the design of steel,
wood, and reinforced concrete structures. May
supervise sub-professional personnel. **Salary:**
\$80,312.96 per year

**Senior Diversity Officer
(Original & Promotional)**

Application Filing Period: March 24, 2023
through April 7, 2023. **Examination Date:** May
12-13, 2023. **Location:** MWRD Main Office
Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago,
IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of
Senior Diversity Officer practices. **Nature of
Position and Duties:** Assists in the
implementation of the District's Affirmative
Action policies to ensure compliance with
Federal, State and District Affirmative Action
and Equal Employment Opportunity laws,
regulations and requirements and supervises
professional staff. **Salary:** \$97,826.30 per year

Engineering Technician III (Original)

Application Filing Period: March 31, 2023
through April 14, 2023. **Examination Date:** May
20, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for
Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th
Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:**
Knowledge of Engineering Technician III
practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under
supervision, is responsible for performing
technical tasks related to the maintenance and
operation of a sewage treatment plant. **Salary:**
\$58,236.88 per year

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BUSINESS

McDonald’s to close offices ahead of layoffs

Company will inform employees during a brief shutdown

Associated Press

McDonald’s has closed its U.S. offices for a few days as the company prepares to inform corporate employees about layoffs, according to a published report.

The Wall Street Journal cited an internal email from the Chicago fast-food giant saying U.S. corporate staff and some employees overseas should work from home while the company notifies people of their job status.

McDonald’s did not immediately reply to emailed requests for comment. The report said McDonald’s would inform its employees this week about staffing decisions that are part of a wide restructuring of the company announced

earlier. Sources familiar with the situation said layoffs would affect hundreds of employees.

The company did not answer questions Monday about the extent of potential layoffs in Chicago.

McDonald’s has been based in the Fulton Market district since 2018, when it moved about 2,000 employees to a new \$250 million headquarters there from its former longtime base in Oak Brook. Last year, McDonald’s announced plans to move its innovation center, called Speedee Labs, to Fulton Market from suburban Romeoville.

At the time, the company said it planned to lease an additional 15,000 square feet in the same building as its 110 N. Carpenter St. headquarters to accommodate the innovation center and up to 120 employees who would move there from Romeoville. It planned to open the downtown labs in phases

beginning in the second half of this year.

On Monday, a spokesperson for the company did not answer questions about whether the impending layoffs would affect plans to move the innovation center downtown.

The spokesperson also did not answer a question about whether the layoffs would lead to any scaling down of the company’s downtown headquarters.

Though the U.S. labor market remains strong, layoffs have been mounting, mainly in the technology sector, where many companies overhired after a pandemic boom. IBM, Microsoft, Amazon, Salesforce, Facebook parent Meta, Twitter and DoorDash have all announced layoffs in recent months.

There have been cuts in other sectors as well.

Yet most of those job cuts are at

corporate offices. There are still shortages of workers to fill service jobs, such as those at McDonald’s restaurants.

Policymakers at the Federal Reserve have forecast the unemployment rate may rise to 4.6% by the end of this year, a sizable increase historically associated with recessions.

McDonald’s has more than 150,000 employees in corporate roles and in company-owned restaurants. About 70% of those employees are based outside the United States.

The company reported its global sales rose nearly 11% in 2022, while sales in the U.S. climbed almost 6%. Total restaurant margins rose 5%. In its latest annual report, it cited difficulties in adequately staffing some of its outlets.

McDonald’s had warned employees in January that layoffs would be coming as the company

tried to get more nimble, innovate more quickly and break down walls between its global markets. In a January memo to employees, McDonald’s President and CEO Chris Kempczinski said the company was evaluating roles and staffing levels in various parts of the company.

“We have historically been very decentralized in some areas where we reinvent the wheel way too often,” Kempczinski said during a January conference call with investors.

“And I think the other thing I’ve seen is we haven’t been as sharp around our global priorities, and so there’s been proliferation of priorities.”

In one market, Kempczinski said he had recently discovered a list of 300 separate priorities.

Chicago Tribune’s Talia Soglin contributed.



Only 48% of U.S. workers say they use all their vacation days, according to a new survey from Pew Research Center. AMY BETH BENNETT/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

LACKING REST, RELAXATION

Fewer than half of workers in US use all their vacation days

By Matthew Boyle
Bloomberg News

Spring break is here, and summer vacations are just around the bend. But while increasingly stressed-out U.S. workers say having paid time off is critical, many still don’t even take all that they’re allowed.

Only 48% of U.S. workers say they use all their vacation days, according to a new survey from Pew Research Center. Those who don’t take all their time off say it’s because they don’t need it, or they worry about falling behind at work or feel badly about co-workers carrying their load. A few even think vacation time hurts their

chances for promotions or could cost them their job.

There is growing anxiety in the labor force with layoffs spreading, hiring slowing and organizations cutting perks and other costs. Last week, the job site Indeed said it was reducing headcount because it’s “simply too big for what lies ahead” — an excuse used by many companies to justify recent cutbacks.

It’s no wonder that workers are exhausted.

“Throughout the pandemic, we saw a surge of people leaving their jobs because of burnout and stress,” said Christy Pruitt-Haynes, global head of talent and performance at NeuroLeadership Insti-

tute, a workplace consultant. “We have also seen a steady decline in employee engagement.”

In other words, she said, “Vacation time is more important than ever.”

The rise of remote work has also contributed to people taking less time off, according to Paaras Parker, chief human resources officer at Paycor, which makes software to help manage workforces. Doctor appointments, for example, can now be done virtually or by popping out quickly from a home office, instead of using up an entire vacation day.

Still, Pruitt-Haynes said the biggest thing that keeps most Americans from taking an

extended break is simply “fear.”

“U.S. employees have been conditioned to believe if you aren’t at work, you are lazy or at risk of being replaced,” she said. “We also have been taught that to get more you have to work more, and since we all want more, we tend to prioritize active work over other things in our life.”

Private-sector employees in the U.S. get an average of 15 vacation days after they’ve been working for five years, rising to 20 days after two decades on the job, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Separate research has shown that Europeans, who typically get more vacation days than Americans, feel less guilty about taking them.

About 80% of all private-sector employees in the U.S. get paid vacation, according to government

data. In the Pew survey, which included more than 5,900 U.S. workers, more people said paid time off was “extremely” important to them than those who said the same about employer-sponsored health insurance, retirement programs, or paid family or medical leave.

But even unlimited PTO may not ultimately lead to more vacation days, Pruitt-Haynes said. A more effective policy would be to institute a minimum number of days that employees are required to take off, she said.

“When a company actively demonstrates that they are interested in prioritizing true self care for their team members, which is about boundaries not just bubble baths, then employees quickly recognize that,” she said.

Attorney for former Outcome exec defends him against fraud charges

By Lisa Schencker
Chicago Tribune

So far, much of the spotlight in the Outcome Health trial has focused on co-founders Rishi Shah and Shradha Agarwal, who were once stars of Chicago’s tech community.

But on Monday, an attorney for the third defendant in the case, Brad Purdy, got his shot at defending Purdy in closing arguments. Purdy was formerly Outcome’s chief operating officer and chief financial officer.

The trial is in its 10th week, and Monday was the fourth day of closing arguments, after attorneys for the government, Shah and Agarwal took their turns.

Government prosecutors allege that when Shah, Agarwal and Purdy were at Outcome, they lied about how many doctors’ offices

had Outcome screens and tablets that could run drug company ads. Prosecutors allege the three then used those false numbers to overcharge drug companies for advertising and inflate revenue figures used to get cash from lenders and investors, in what became a \$1 billion fraud scheme.

Purdy, Shah and Agarwal now face charges of bank, mail and wire fraud. Shah also stands accused of money laundering, and Purdy of making false statements to a financial institution. All three have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Like other defense attorneys in the case, attorney Theodore Poulos argued that a fourth Outcome executive, Ashik Desai, was to blame for the fraud, not Purdy. Poulos said Desai lied to Purdy about falsifying return-on-investment reports “because Brad wasn’t in it with him,” and lied about an alleged

phone call between him and Purdy that Poulos said never happened. There’s no phone record to corroborate Desai’s assertion, he said.

Desai has pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud. Desai struck a plea deal with prosecutors that they would recommend no more than 10 years in prison if he cooperated with them and testified truthfully.

“He was facing many, many years for what he had done, and there was only one way out,” Poulos said of Desai. “He fed (government prosecutors) certain critical lies about the people upstairs because he knew that’s what they wanted to hear.”

Poulos noted that the case involving the three defendants is complex, with about 1,500 exhibits in the forms of emails, voice messages and other documents and communications.

During prosecutors’ closing arguments, they highlighted several communications involving Purdy, including one in which Desai told him about “heavily inflated” metrics related to ads running on tablets and another in which an analyst told him that certain tablet metrics were “not real.”

But Poulos told the jury to pay attention to the many communications on which Purdy was not included.

“There are so many communications in these 1,500 that Brad’s not on,” Poulos said. “There was so much he didn’t know.”

Poulos also cautioned jurors not to assume that Purdy was in on the fraud because he was the chief operating officer and chief financial officer. He repeatedly emphasized Purdy’s youth at the time and lack of any accounting

background.

“I think you’ve seen and heard from evidence in this case that those titles did not accurately capture or convey what those titles might mean in a more mature or established company,” Poulos said. “It was just a title.”

Poulos also argued that Outcome often sold drug companies contracts on a weighted average basis, meaning they expected that the number of screens on which ads would run would average out over time.

“If it’s weighted average ... there’s no reason to think hearing about an under delivery at some point in time is the red flag, oh my God, we’re committing fraud,” Poulos said.

Poulos is expected to continue with his closing arguments Tuesday. The jury might begin deliberations later this week.

US officials express ire over OPEC’s output cuts

Oil prices climb as potential new inflation threat testing Biden administration

By Stanley Reed
The New York Times

Oil prices surged Monday and U.S. officials voiced their displeasure a day after OPEC members announced substantial cuts in production, a move that reaffirmed Saudi Arabia, the group’s leader, as a head-strong giant in the oil market.

Traders bid up crude prices after the news of cuts totaling more than 1.1 million barrels a day, or 1% of global production, beginning next month. Brent crude, the international benchmark, rose \$5.04 to \$84.93 per barrel Monday. West Texas Intermediate crude, the U.S. standard, jumped \$4.75 to settle at \$80.42 a barrel.

Sunday’s surprise announcement signaled a potential new threat to global efforts to curb inflation and a challenge to the Biden administration, which has pushed for lower gasoline prices.

“We don’t think that the production cuts are advisable at this moment, given the market uncertainty. And we made that clear,” said John Kirby, a spokesman for the

National Security Council. “But we also don’t have a seat at that table.”

The move could further aggravate strained relations between the United States and Saudi Arabia. Last year, President Joe Biden made a special appeal to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Riyadh to increase oil production, only to have OPEC, or the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, trim its output at its next meeting.

A statement released by OPEC on Monday described the “voluntary production adjustments” as a “precautionary measure aimed at supporting the stability of the oil market.”

Saudi Arabia, OPEC’s top oil producer, said it would cut by far the most, reducing by 500,000 barrels a day, followed by Iraq (211,000 barrels), United Arab Emirates (144,000 barrels) and five other countries.

The abrupt move showed that Saudi Arabia is determined to be proactive to keep prices high, perhaps in the range of \$90 a barrel, some analysts said.

“This is a new Saudi style of unpredict-

able maneuver,” said Karen Young, a senior fellow at the Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy. In recent days, Saudi oil officials had signaled that current production levels would be maintained through the end of the year.

It may prove difficult, though, to prop up prices if demand for oil is sinking. Monday’s jolt “could be followed by realization that the market is a lot weaker than people think,” wrote Edward Morse, head of commodities at Citigroup.

Uncertainties hang over the global economy.

It is not clear how quickly China, the largest oil importer and Saudi Arabia’s most important customer, will recover from its “zero-COVID” lockdowns. Also hard to gauge is the extent of economic damage done to oil demand by the recent turmoil in the banking industry. And higher prices will encourage more investment and production from other producers, like shale oil drillers in the United States.

OPEC+, made up of OPEC, Russia and others, produces half of the world’s oil.

Swiss seek overview of bank before rival’s move

Associated Press

GENEVA — The Swiss attorney general’s office says it has opened a probe into the events surrounding embattled bank Credit Suisse, which is to be taken over by rival UBS.

Switzerland’s government and financial regulators helped engineer the hastily arranged, \$3.25 billion agreement that was aimed in part to help calm worries about the global financial system and will leave the country with a single huge global bank.

The attorney general’s office said Monday that it wanted to “proactively fulfill its remit and its responsibility to contribute to a clean Swiss financial sector.” It said that it has set up “monitoring” that would enable it to get involved immediately if any offenses were committed that come under its auspices.

The office said the probe falls short of a formal investigation and is not a criminal inquiry.

The office was responding to an emailed request Monday for comment after the Financial Times reported about the probe over the weekend. The statement made no reference to UBS.

Prosecutors said they want to gain an overview of the events surrounding Credit Suisse and to “secure and evaluate the available information” to analyze and identify any relevant offenses. It stressed that it cannot anticipate the result of the “clarifications” it has set in motion and didn’t identify any specific possible offense.

The takeover of Credit Suisse — which is set to host its annual shareholder meeting Tuesday in a Zurich stadium — has drawn both praise and criticism in the country of about 8.5 million people.

Before the bank marriage was orchestrated March 19, Credit Suisse was hemorrhaging deposits, shareholders were dumping its stock, and creditors were rushing to seek repayment.

Royal imitation best flattery?

As King Charles III adjusts to role of being on center stage — so do his impersonators

By Jenny Gross
The New York Times

LONDON — In the days after Queen Elizabeth II’s death last year, Charles Haslett, 66, along with many other Britons, was overcome with sadness. But he didn’t have much time to linger on those feelings.

“I felt a weight of responsibility,” Haslett said. “The time has come.”

Haslett, a longtime impersonator of the queen’s eldest son, Charles, spent more than \$6,200 “getting myself to be more kingly than I was,” he said. That involved buying a made-to-order toupee of gray hair, as well as two double-breasted suits and a gold signet ring in the same style as the one worn by the new monarch, King Charles III.

Haslett also ordered modeling clay to make his ears stick out just like the king’s.

As the king, 74, is settling into his new role, so are those who bear a resemblance to His Majesty and impersonate him at fund-raising events, raffles, coronation celebrations and corporate parties. After years of struggling to get bookings, Charles look-alikes said they were loving their newfound limelight.

Guy Ingle, 62, another Charles impersonator, said he used to play second fiddle to Queen Elizabeth II look-alikes, standing in the background at events.

To make matters worse, he added, imitators of Charles’ son Prince William and his wife, Catherine, always had a lot more work than Charles doubles.

These days, however, Ingle said he has been overwhelmed by the number of people who want to hire him.

“I was surprised I had so much work coming in so soon after Her Majesty passed away,” he said, as he walked into the Queen’s Head, a pub in Ampthill, his hometown, about 50 miles northwest of London.

Ingle has 12 bookings this spring and said his rates have doubled since Charles ascended to the throne in September. He declined to discuss how much he makes but said he once earned about \$980 for an appearance at a party celebrating the opening of a new terminal at Heathrow Airport.

Another Charles look-alike, Ian Lieber, a retired interior designer, recently signed up with an agent. After decades of being approached by strangers who mistook him for Charles, Lieber, 81, said he thought he might as well go professional.

“It’s just lifting you into a world of fantasy, really,” he said, noting that he has one booking for an appearance at a corporate luncheon and some other potential



Both Ian Lieber, left, and Charles Haslett impersonate King Charles III, and they say they have seen interest in their services increase recently. HAYLEY BENOIT/THE NEW YORK TIMES

opportunities, including an appearance at a bar mitzvah.

But as both Charles and Charles look-alikes prepare for the coronation May 6, Queen Elizabeth II’s imitators are realizing that the demand for them may be over — in contrast to the everlasting demand for Elvis Presley impersonators, who are still performing long after the singer’s death.

One queen look-alike, Jeanette Vane, was still open to working, said Scott, her agent. “She misses it terribly,” Scott said.

Another queen look-alike, Mary Reynolds, is retiring out of respect for the queen, after 50 years of impersonating her. Her last event was in Zurich a few weeks before the queen died.

Reynolds, 89, said she turned down a

booking at Fortnum & Mason, the storied London tea emporium, a few months after the queen’s death. The store booked Ingle as Charles instead.

One of the potentially awkward parts of being a look-alike is running into the real thing.

For Haslett, this happened 24 years ago, at an event at a London theater for Charles’ 50th birthday. Haslett was hired to be a Charles double in the audience while Charles made a surprise appearance onstage.

Backstage after the show, Haslett approached the real prince, who said, “You’re just here to get information for your act, aren’t you?”

Haslett replied, “Yes sir, exactly.”

BUSINESS BRIEFING

EY fined \$544K in Wirecard audit

FRANKFURT, Germany — The German arm of EY, one of the world’s Big Four accounting firms, has been fined \$544,000 after acting as the auditor for collapsed payments company Wirecard and barred from auditing certain kinds of companies for two years.

Germany’s APAS accounting oversight body said it imposed the fine for breach of professional duty in auditing Wirecard from 2016 to 2018.

Wirecard filed for bankruptcy protection in 2020 after \$2.1 billion in cash balances on the company’s books could not be verified.

Its former CEO, Markus Braun, is on trial on charges of defrauding creditors. The fraud cost banks \$3.4 billion in loans and writedowns, prosecutors say.

Starbucks fires union organizer

Starbucks has fired one of the workers who helped kick off a unionization effort at the company in 2021.

Lexi Rizzo, an eight-year Starbucks employee and shift supervisor, was fired Friday from her store in Buffalo, New York.

Starbucks Workers United, the union organizing Starbucks’ workers, said Rizzo was fired after arriving a few minutes late for work. It claims the firing was retaliation for Rizzo’s vocal support of the union.

Starbucks said Monday that Rizzo was fired for “repeated and substantial violations” of its attendance policy, including one instance when she arrived more than three hours late for a shift. Starbucks said it had documented six instances in which Rizzo missed more than four hours of work.

Parisians vote to banish for-hire e-scooters

By John Leicester and Helena Alves
Associated Press

PARIS — Parisians have overwhelmingly voted to banish the French capital’s ubiquitous for-hire electric scooters from their streets.

The 15,000 opinion-dividing scooters are expected to vanish from central Paris at the end of August when the city’s contracts with the three operators expire.

The question City Hall asked voters in a citywide mini-referendum Sunday was: “For or against self-service scooters in Paris?”

The result wasn’t close.

City Hall said just more than 103,000 voters cast ballots in the referendum, with

89% rejecting e-scooters and 11% supporting them.

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo hailed the consultative referendum as a success and said its outcome was “very clear.”

“There will no longer be any self-service scooters in Paris from September 1st,” she said.

Many Parisians welcomed the news, including self-described pedestrian Hila Charon.

“There are many accidents (because) people don’t pay attention to how they ride,” Charon said. “It’s very dangerous, and to see these scooters on the ground everywhere all the time ... I’m very happy that everyone voted against them: 90%.”

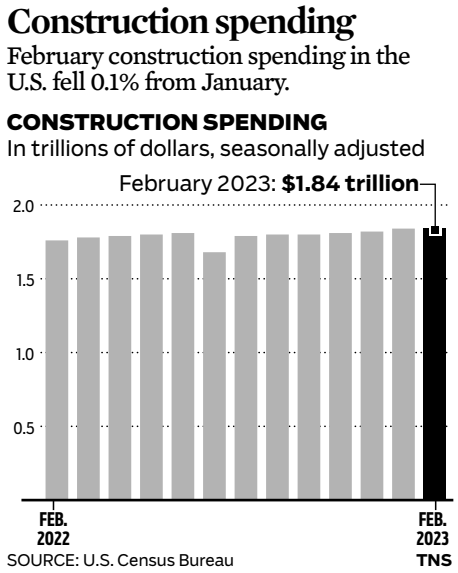
Others held out hope that the e-scooters

won’t be banned outright.

“It is a shame because it answers a real need, people were happy to have them, but I still hope they won’t simply ban them but rather improve regulations,” said Michael Yadan, who often cycles.

The vote had been open to all of Paris’ 1.38 million registered voters, but the low turnout has been criticized by the scooter companies.

“The result is based on only around 100,000 cast votes, which equals a voter turnout of 7.46%,” said TIER mobility spokesman Florian Anders. “So this means that a very small group of people have a disproportionate influence on the city’s urban mobility system, which we think is a shame.”





A shopper looks at clothes at the Neiman Marcus retail department store last week in Dallas. The luxury retailer is doubling down on catering to its high-end shoppers. **LM OTERO/AP**

Big spenders targeted with allure of premium products

By **Anne D’Innocenzio**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Companies from toothpaste makers to even discounters are adding more premium items like designer body creams and services as they reach out to wealthier shoppers who are still spending freely even in the face of higher inflation and a volatile economic environment.

Think \$10 toothpastes and \$90 creams on supermarket shelves.

Retailers and consumer product companies felt justified in raising prices to offset higher costs from gnarled supply chains and Russia’s war in Ukraine last year. But as those financial pressures ease, some are looking for new ways to pump up sales and profits by focusing on premium items amid an overall sales slowdown.

“If you want to hedge against the economic challenges, you hedge your bets by chasing after the upper income,” said Marshal Cohen, chief industry adviser at market research firm Circana.

Many companies that normally cater to

middle-income shoppers are unleashing a bevy of premium items in an attempt to grab consumers with more money to spare. But that could leave fewer options for consumers with less money to spare.

Walmart, for instance, features high-end \$90 creams in its beauty aisles at select stores. Ketchup maker Heinz released a line of chef-inspired condiments called Heinz 57, including a 11.25-ounce container of infused honey with black truffle that costs roughly \$7. Last year, Colgate-Palmolive made some waves by announcing its \$10 three-ounce stain remover toothpaste, its first in the U.S. at this price, noting that premium products were essential to raising prices.

Five Below — a chain known for selling toys and other impulse items for \$5 and below — is creating a new store-within-a-store prototype: Five Beyond, which sells items at \$6 and higher. Last year, the Philadelphia chain converted 250 of its 1,300 stores to include its higher-priced section and plans to expand that conversion to another

400 stores this year.

Five Below CEO Joel Anderson told analysts on a call in January that those who buy Five Beyond items spend more than twice as much as those who buy only Five Below items.

Luxury retailer Neiman Marcus is doubling down with special services and exclusive offerings for its multimillionaire shoppers who shop an average of 25 times a year and spend upwards of \$27,000 annually.

Neiman Marcus emphasized it’s hardly ignoring the rest of the customer spectrum, but it noted that given a volatile economic environment it pays to invest more in its most loyal shoppers, specifically the top 2% who drive roughly 40% of its total sales.

Chief Executive for American Express Stephen J. Squeri told analysts in an earnings call in January that the company is limiting its focus to wealthier applicants.

“That premium customer base, while not immune to economic downturn, certainly right now is spending on through,” he said.

Russian propaganda evades ineffective TikTok policing

By **David Klepper**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A year ago, following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, TikTok started labeling accounts operated by Russian state propaganda agencies as a way to tell users they were being exposed to Kremlin disinformation.

An analysis a year later shows the policy has been applied inconsistently. It ignores dozens of accounts with millions of followers. Even when used, labels have little impact on Russia’s ability to exploit TikTok’s powerful algorithms as part of its effort to shape public opinion about the war.

Researchers at the Alliance for Securing Democracy, a bipartisan, transatlantic nonprofit operated by the German Marshall Fund that studies authoritarian disinformation, published a report last week that identified nearly 80 TikTok accounts operated by Russian state outlets like RT or Sputnik or by individuals linked to them, including RT’s editor-in-chief.

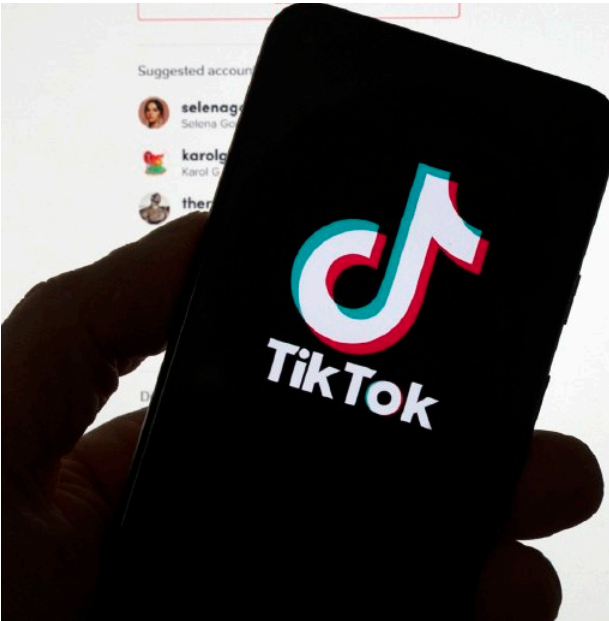
More than a third of the accounts were unlabeled, despite a labeling policy announced by TikTok a year ago.

The labels, which appear in bold below an account’s name, read “Russia state-controlled media.”

Clicking on the label brings up more information, including a description that “the government has control over the account’s editorial content.”

The accounts have spread pro-Russian propaganda about the invasion of Ukraine as well as false and misleading claims about the U.S. and the international coalition that stands against Russia’s war.

“US to hold biggest satanic gathering in history,” claims one of the videos on Sputnik.Brasil, a Russian media account currently



The TikTok platform has emerged as a leading source of information — and misinformation. **MICHAEL DWYER/AP**

unlabeled on TikTok. Other videos posted by the account blame the U.S. for the war in Ukraine, claim the U.S. will start a nuclear war, and suggest the U.S. is working to make Brazil invade Iran.

RT Mexico, one of the most popular unlabeled accounts, has posted multiple videos playing up tension between the U.S. and Mexico over immigration and drugs.

“This is a huge win for Russian propaganda that they’re able to reach such large audiences on TikTok,” said Joe Bodnar, a research analyst at Alliance for Securing Democracy. “TikTok is not taking it as seriously as other platforms.”

That charge comes as the video sharing platform, owned by Chinese company ByteDance, faces questions in Washington about its ties to the government as well as concerns about privacy, surveillance and harmful content.

Britain, Canada, the U.S. federal government and a growing number of American states are among the governments that have

already banned TikTok on government-issued devices.

Some lawmakers in the U.S. have floated the idea of a complete ban on the app unless ByteDance agrees to sell its U.S. assets to another company.

TikTok has labeled more than 120 accounts, a spokesperson for the platform said. The platform’s policy covers outlets and organizations, not individuals, a loophole that allows RT’s editor-in-chief to remain unlabeled.

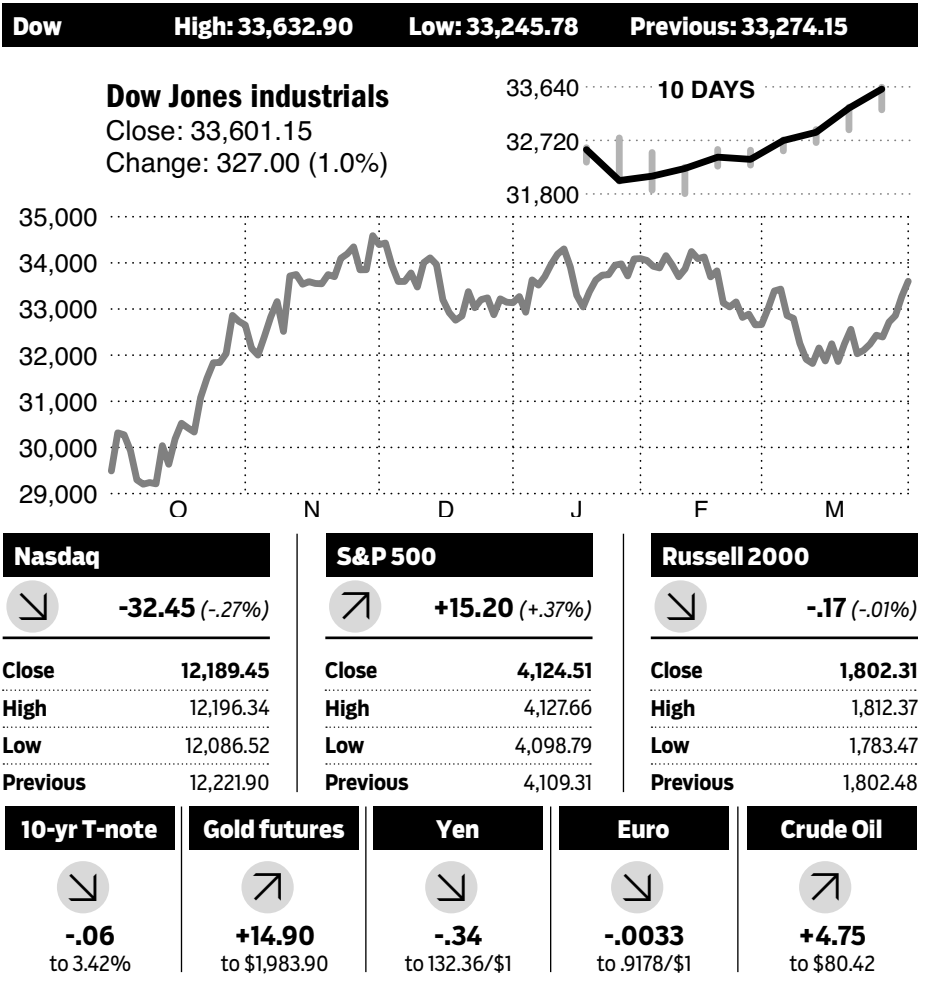
The platform said it would label many of the other accounts identified by researchers after being contacted by The Associated Press.

“This is an ongoing process and we’ll continue to review new accounts and add labels as and when they join the platform,” the company said in an emailed statement.

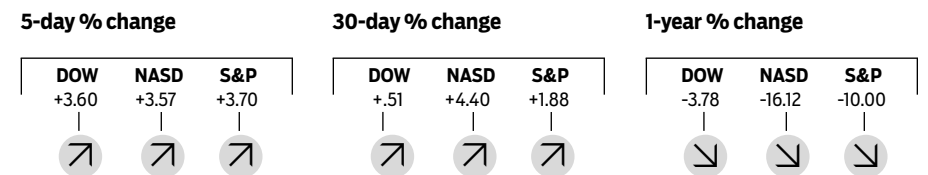
Once known largely for its popularity among teens, TikTok has emerged as a leading source of information — and misinformation.

More than two-thirds of American teens are on the platform, among the world’s most popular websites.

MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	697	710	691.50	693.50	+1.25
		Jul 23	709	722.25	704	706.75	+2.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	659.50	668.50	656	657.75	-2.75
		Jul 23	635	645.75	635	637	+1
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	1510	1527.75	1509.75	1522	+16.50
		Jul 23	1480	1500.50	1479.75	1495	+19.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 23	56.66	57.40	56.05	56.68	+1.19
		Jul 23	56.75	57.51	56.25	56.78	+1.16
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 23	463.90	467.50	459.40	464.20	-1.80
		Jul 23	459.50	463.20	456.10	460.00	-1.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 23	80.10	81.69	79.00	80.42	+4.75
		Jun 23	80.60	81.77	79.04	80.44	+4.64
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 23	2.085	2.160	2.015	2.097	-.119
		Jun 23	2.345	2.398	2.280	2.333	-.132
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 23	2.7920	2.8232	2.7432	2.7575	+0.076
		Jun 23	2.6912	2.7660	2.6898	2.7087	+0.0807

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	101.59	-.33	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	66.57	-.56	Middleby Corp	O	146.13	-.48
AbbVie Inc	N	160.42	+1.05	Equity Residential	N	59.63	-.37	Mondelez Intl	O	70.22	+.50
Allstate Corp	N	114.25	+3.44	Exelon Corp	O	41.81	-.08	Morningstar Inc	O	203.41	+.38
Aptargroup Inc	N	118.65	+.46	Federal Signal	N	54.39	+.18	Motorola Solutions	N	285.43	-.70
Arch Dan Mid	N	80.42	+.76	First Indl RT	N	52.65	-.55	NiSource Inc	N	27.76	-.20
Baxter Intl	N	39.98	-.58	Fortune Brands Innov	N	58.49	-.24	Nthn Trust Cp	O	87.72	-.41
Boeing Co	N	215.39	+2.96	GATX	N	109.96	-.06	Old Republic	N	24.94	-.03
Brunswick Corp	N	82.14	+.14	Gallagher AJ	N	193.26	+1.95	Packaging Corp Am	N	140.30	+1.47
CBOE Global Markets	N	134.56	+.32	Grainger WW	N	683.17	-5.64	Paylocity Hldg	O	194.09	-4.69
CCC Intellig Solut	O	8.94	-.03	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	110.12	-1.67	RLI Corp	N	128.17	-4.74
CDW Corp	O	193.69	-1.20	IDEX Corp	N	229.23	-1.80	Ryan Specialty Group	N	40.42	+.18
CF Industries	N	73.67	+1.18	ITW	N	244.38	+.93	Stericycle Inc	O	43.74	+.13
CME Group	O	190.31	-1.21	Ingredion Inc	N	102.51	+.78	TransUnion	N	60.32	-1.82
CNA Financial	N	39.09	+.06	John Bean Technol	N	108.58	-.71	US Foods Holding	N	37.18	+.24
Caterpillar Inc	N	229.87	+1.03	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	145.33	-1.16	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	551.19	+5.52
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.44	-.12	Kemper Corp	N	55.66	+1.00	United Airlines Hldg	O	43.35	-.90
Deere Co	N	414.99	+2.11	Kraft Heinz Co	O	38.85	+.18	Ventas Inc	N	42.66	-.69
Discover Fin Svcs	N	98.82	-.02	LKQ Corporation	O	56.70	-.06	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	35.46	+.88
Dover Corp	N	150.52	-1.42	Littelfuse Inc	O	267.37	-.72	Wintrust Financial	O	71.96	-.99
Envestnet Inc	N	58.46	-.21	McDonalds Corp	N	282.14	+2.53	Zebra Tech	O	311.65	-6.35

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	12.68	-.08
Bank of America	28.59	+.01
Carnival Corp	9.97	-.18
Transocean Ltd	7.04	+.68
Cano Health Inc	1.34	+.43
AT&T Inc	19.39	+.14
Fst Republic Bank	14.60	+.61
Exxon Mobil Corp	116.13	+6.47
Alibaba Group Hldg	98.39	-.06
Lumen Technologies	2.59	-.06
Itau Unibanco Hldg	4.71	-.16
Schwab Corp	51.57	-.81
Occid Petrl	65.18	+.25
Nu Holdings Ltd	4.52	-.24
Halliburton	34.10	+2.46
Uber Technologies	31.46	-.24
Equitrans Midstream	5.22	-.56
Palantir Technol	8.38	-.07
Marathon Oil	26.33	+2.37
Macy's Inc	18.80	+1.31
Teck Resources Ltd	43.65	+7.15
Wells Fargo & Co	37.72	+.34
Sthwstn Energy	5.01	+.01
Petrobras	10.92	+.49

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Mullen Automotive	.11	-.02
Bed Bath & Beyond	.39	-.04
Tesla Inc	194.77	-12.69
Exela Technologies	.04	...
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.30	-.05
Intel Corp	32.89	+.22
Apple Inc	166.17	+1.27
Imperial Petroleum	.21	+.01
Adv Micro Dev	96.56	-1.45
Amazon.com Inc	102.41	-.88
Nvidia Corporation	279.65	+1.88
Guardforce AI Co Ltd	19.22	+12.14
SoFi Technologies	6.03	-.04
Nikola Corp	1.29	+.08
Rivian Automotive A	15.23	-.25
Marathon Digital Hld	8.43	-.29
Microsoft Corp	287.23	-1.07
Virgin Orbit Hldgs	.19	-.01
Alphabet Inc A	104.36	+.63
Micron Tech	59.61	-.73
META Materials Inc	.49	+.08
Cryptide Inc	.06	-.03
Plug Power Inc	11.12	-.60
Opendrop Technol	1.84	+.08

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3296.40	+23.5/+ .7
Stoxx600	457.30	-.5/- .1
Nikkei	28188.15	+146.7/+ .5
MSCI-EAFE	2104.13	+8.9/+ .4
Bovespa	101484.82	-397.4/- .4
FTSE 100	7673.00	+41.3/+ .5
CAC-40	7345.96	+23.6/+ .3

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	104.91	+.91
Alphabet Inc A	104.36	+.63
Amazon.com Inc	102.41	-.88
Apple Inc	166.17	+1.27
Berkshire Hath B	310.31	+1.54
Exxon Mobil Corp	116.13	+6.47
JPMorgan Chase	130.16	-.15
Johnson & Johnson	156.85	+1.85
MasterCard Inc	366.47	+3.06
Meta Platforms Inc	213.07	+1.13
Microsoft Corp	287.23	-1.07
Novo Nordisk AS	159.60	+.46
Nvidia Corporation	279.65	+1.88
Procter & Gamble	149.51	+.82
Taiwan Semicon	92.84	-.18
Tesla Inc	194.77	-12.69
Unitedhealth Group	494.19	+21.60
Visa Inc	229.00	+3.54
WalMart Strs	148.69	+1.24

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	4.77	4.68
6-month disc	4.69	4.72
2-year	3.97	4.04
10-year	3.42	3.48
30-year	3.63	3.65

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1983.90	\$1969.00
Silver	\$23.941	\$24.076
Platinum	\$986.90	\$994.10

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	8.00
Discount Rate Primary	5.50
Fed Funds Target	4.75-5.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.48

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...		
Argentina (Peso)	210.3713	
Australia (Dollar)	1.4738	
Brazil (Real)	5.0785	
Britain (Pound)	.8059	
Canada (Dollar)	1.3418	
China (Yuan)	6.8782	
Euro	.9178	
India (Rupee)	82.173	
Israel (Shekel)	3.5943	
Japan (Yen)	132.36	
Mexico (Peso)	18.0886	
Poland (Zloty)	4.29	
S. Korea (Won)	1311.48	
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.51	
Thailand (Baht)	34.21	

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN	
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.65	+.19	-5.6	
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	48.86	+.29	-3.6	
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	54.93	+.34	-5.0	
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	64.17	+.34	-3.5	
American Funds FdmtnlInvsA m	64.02	+.37	-6.3	
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	55.14	+.12	-14.1	
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.77	+.13	-4.2	
American Funds InvAmrcA m	43.98	+.26	-5.7	
American Funds NwPrsptvA m	52.25	+.10	-9.6	
American Funds WAMtlnvsA m	52.74	+.39	-5.2	
Baird AggrgatedBdlnst	9.86	+.04	-4.1	
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.50	+.04	-2.5	
Dodge & Cox IntlStkl	46.18	+.42	-.8	
Dodge & Cox Stkl	217.81	+1.34	-6.6	
Fidelity 500IdlxnsPrm	143.63	+.23	-7.7	

NATION & WORLD

NASA names crew for lunar mission

Diverse Artemis II group has sights on launch at end of '24

By Richard Tribou
Orlando Sentinel

Humans haven't traveled beyond low-Earth orbit in more than 50 years, but that's set to change with the launch of the Artemis II mission to orbit the moon next year. Just who will be flying was revealed Monday.

NASA and the Canadian Space Agency announced the four crew members that will climb aboard the Orion spacecraft to be launched atop the Space Launch System rocket from Kennedy Space Center in Florida as early as November 2024.

Commanding the mission will be Reid Wiseman, the former head of NASA's astronaut office who stepped down to be eligible to fly on missions again. He will be joined by NASA astronaut Victor Glover, who will act as pilot, NASA astronaut and mission specialist Christina Koch and Canadian astronaut and mission specialist Jeremy Hansen.

"This is a big day. We have a lot to celebrate," Glover said during the ceremony at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, home to the nation's astronauts as well as Mission Control. "It's so much more than the four names that have been announced. We need to celebrate this moment in human history. Because Artemis II is more than a mission to the moon and back. It's more than a mission that has to happen before we send people to the surface of the moon. It is the next step on the journey that gets humanity to Mars. This crew will never forget that."



Jeremy Hansen, from left, Victor Glover, Reid Wiseman and Christina Koch celebrate Monday in Houston. MICHAEL WYKE/AP

Wiseman, Koch and Glover each have one spaceflight under their belts while Hansen is the lone rookie.

Wiseman, 47, was born in Baltimore. He was chosen as part of the 2009 class of astronaut candidates and flew on a 165-day mission to the International Space Station during Expedition 41 in 2014.

Koch, 44, was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She was chosen as part of the 2013 class of astronaut candidates. She holds the record for the longest continuous time in space for a woman when she spent 328 days aboard the Interna-

tional Space Station during Expeditions 59, 60 and 61 from 2019 to 2020.

Glover, 46, who was born in Pomona, California, was also part of the 2013 astronaut class. He was the pilot of the first operational flight of the SpaceX Crew Dragon launching from Kennedy Space Center on the Crew-1 mission in November 2020 for a 168-day trip to the ISS. He goes by the nickname Ike, given by fellow astronauts as an acronym for "I Know Everything."

Hansen, 47, who was born in London, Ontario, was named a CSA astronaut in 2009 after piloting fighters

for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

All 24 previous astronauts to fly to the moon, with 12 having walked on it, were white American men. Glover will become the first Black man to travel to the moon while Koch will become the first woman.

"This is humanity's crew," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

Hansen's seat will make him the first non-American to fly to deep space.

Canada has also contributed the robotic arm Canadarm3 to the future Gateway lunar space station, part of how the U.S. has

leaned on its international partners to support the Artemis program.

"It is not lost on any of us that the United States could choose to go back to the moon by themselves," Hansen said. "But America has made a very deliberate choice over decades to curate a global team."

The mission will take the quartet to the moon but not to land. It won't be until Artemis III that humans will return to the lunar surface, and that mission is scheduled for December 2025, but reliant on SpaceX completing a version of its Starship spacecraft to act as

the Human Landing System. Artemis II will fly on what's planned for a 10-day mission flying a similar path to what was accomplished during the successful Artemis I mission that launched from KSC last November.

It will be the first time humans have flown to the moon since the end of the Apollo program in 1972.

"Human spaceflight is like a relay race," Glover said. "That baton has been passed generation to generation and from crew member to crew member from the Gemini, Mercury-Gemini, Apollo, Apollo-Soyuz, Skylab, Mir, the shuttle, International Space Station, commercial crew, and now the Artemis missions. We understand our role in that. And when we have the privilege of having that baton."

NASA picked from 41 active astronauts for its first Artemis crew. Canada had four candidates.

Congratulations streamed in from retired astronauts, including Apollo 11's Buzz Aldrin and Scott Kelly, the first American to spend close to a year in space.

"Huge risks, huge commitment, eternal benefits for all. What a crew!" tweeted Chris Hadfield, the first Canadian commander of the space station a decade ago who performed David Bowie's "Space Oddity" from orbit.

President Joe Biden spoke with the four astronauts and their families Sunday.

In a tweet Monday, Biden said the mission "will inspire the next generation of explorers, and show every child — in America, in Canada, and across the world — that if they can dream it, they can be it."

Associated Press contributed.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia blames Ukraine for deadly cafe bombing

Authorities call blast that killed pro-war blogger terrorist act

Associated Press

Russian authorities blamed Ukrainian intelligence agencies Monday for orchestrating a bombing at a St. Petersburg cafe that killed a Russian military blogger who fervently supported Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, and they arrested a suspect.

Ukrainian authorities did not directly respond to the accusation, but President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in reference to the attack that he doesn't think about events in Russia, and a senior Ukrainian official earlier described the bombing as part of Russia's internal turmoil.

Vladlen Tatarsky, 40, was killed Sunday as he led a discussion at the cafe on the banks of the Neva River in the historic heart of Russia's second-largest city, officials said. Tatarsky, who had filed regular reports from the front lines in Ukraine, was the pen name for Maxim Fomin. He had accumulated

more than 560,000 followers on his Telegram messaging app channel.

The bombing also wounded more than 30 other people.

Investigators said they believe the bomb was hidden in a bust of Tatarsky that a member of the audience gave him just before the explosion. A video showed him joking as he removed a wrapper to reveal the gold-colored bust of a man wearing a helmet, "What a handsome guy!"

Russian authorities announced the arrest of Darya Trepova, 26, a St. Petersburg resident seen on video presenting Tatarsky with the bust, and classified the case as an act of terrorism. Police had detained Trepova for participating in a rally against the war Feb. 24, 2022, the day of the invasion, and she spent 10 days in jail.

Designating the case as a terrorist act gives authorities more power to pursue their investigation, increases the maximum punishment and limits the rights of suspects.

The Interior Ministry released a video showing Trepova telling a police offi-

cer that she brought the statuette that exploded to the cafe. When asked who gave it to her, she said she would explain it later.

The circumstances under which Trepova spoke were unclear, including whether she was under duress.

According to Russian media reports, Trepova told investigators she was asked to deliver the bust, but didn't know what was inside it.

The National Anti-Terrorist Committee, which coordinates counterterrorism operations, said the bombing was "planned by Ukrainian special services," noting Trepova was an "active supporter" of imprisoned Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny.

Navalny, the Kremlin's fiercest foe who had exposed official corruption and organized massive anti-government protests, is serving a nine-year fraud sentence that he has denounced as a political vendetta.

Navalny associate Ivan Zhdanov warned that authorities could use the claim of involvement by political opponents as a pretext to extend his prison term. Zhdanov also charged



Flowers and a poster with a photo of blogger Vladlen Tatarsky are placed near the site of the blast Monday in St. Petersburg, Russia. He was killed and 30 others hurt. DMITRI LOVETSKY/AP

that Russian security agencies could be behind the explosion to cast Navalny's supporters as an "internal enemy."

According to Russian media reports, police tracked down Trepova using surveillance cameras, although she reportedly cut her blond hair short and moved to a different apartment in an apparent attempt to escape.

Military bloggers and patriotic commentators compared the bombing to the August 2022 assassination of nationalist TV

commentator Darya Dugina, who was killed when a remote-controlled explosive planted in her SUV blew up as she drove on the outskirts of Moscow.

Russian authorities blamed Ukraine's military intelligence for Dugina's death, but Kyiv denied involvement.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the attacks on Dugina and Tatarsky proved that Moscow was justified in launching what it describes as "the special military operation" in Ukraine.

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the St. Petersburg millionaire who heads the Wagner Group military contractor spearheading Moscow's offensive in eastern Ukraine, said he owned the cafe and allowed patriotic groups to use it for meetings. He said he doubts the involvement of Ukrainian authorities in the bombing, saying it was likely launched by a "group of radicals" unrelated to the government in Kyiv.

Russia President Vladimir Putin saluted Tatarsky posthumously Monday with a bravery award.



NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Finland will join NATO on Tuesday. KENZO TRIBOUILLARD/GETTY-AFP

Finland to join NATO in 'a historic moment'

By Lorne Cook
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Monday that Finland will become the 31st member of the world's biggest military alliance Tuesday, prompting a warning from Russia that it would bolster its defenses near their joint border if NATO deploys any troops in its new member.

"This is a historic week," Stoltenberg said on the

eve of a meeting of NATO foreign ministers. "From tomorrow, Finland will be a full member of the alliance."

He said he hopes Sweden will join NATO soon.

The former Norwegian prime minister said Tuesday afternoon, "we will raise the Finnish flag for the first time here at the NATO headquarters. It will be a good day for Finland's security, for Nordic security and for NATO as a whole."

Stoltenberg said that Turkey, the last country

to have ratified Finland's membership, will hand its official texts to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Tuesday. Stoltenberg said he would then invite Finland to do the same.

Finnish President Sauli Niinisto, Defense Minister Antti Kaikkonen and Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto will attend the ceremony.

"It is a historic moment for us. For Finland, the most important objective at the meeting will be to empha-

size NATO's support to Ukraine as Russia continues its illegal aggression," Haavisto said. "We seek to promote stability and security throughout the Euro-Atlantic region."

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko said Moscow would respond to Finland becoming a NATO member by bolstering its defenses if needed. "We will strengthen our military potential in the west and in the northwest," he said.

Costa Rica seeing record homicides

Famously laid-back country grappling with drug violence

By Javier Cordoba
Associated Press

LIMON, Costa Rica — In this colorful Caribbean port, where cruise ship passengers are whisked to jungle adventures in Costa Rica’s interior, locals try to be home by dark, and police patrol with high-caliber guns in the face of soaring drug violence.

Costa Rica logged a record 657 homicides last year and Limon — with a homicide rate five times the national average — was the epicenter.

The bloodshed in a country better known for its laid-back, “it’s all good” outlook and its lack of a standing army has stirred a public outcry as the administration of President Rodrigo Chaves scrambles for answers.

Where Costa Rica had previously been just a pass-through for northbound cocaine from Colombian and Mexican cartels, authorities say it is now a warehousing and transshipment point for drugs sent to Europe by homegrown Costa Rican gangs.

In Limon, that shifting criminal dynamic has mixed with swelling ranks of young unemployed men who make up the majority of the casualties in fierce territorial battles.

Martin Arias, the deputy security minister and head of Costa Rica’s Coast Guard, said Limon’s violence stems from disputes over both the control of cocaine shipped to Europe and the marijuana sold locally.

In January, authorities dismantled a ring working to smuggle drugs through the container port. Cocaine has been secreted into walls of the steel containers and even packed among pineapple and yucca headed for Spain and Holland.

Foreign drug traffickers used to pay Costa Rican



Motorcycle-riding police officers patrol a nightlife district Jan 27 in San Jose, Costa Rica. CARLOS GONZALEZ/AP

fishermen to bring gasoline to their smuggling boats.

“Later, the Mexican narcos said, ‘We’re not going to use money; we’re not going to leave the trail that money leaves in banks, in systems; we’re going to pay in cocaine,’” Arias said.

At first, the fishermen and their associates didn’t have the contacts to sell their cocaine abroad, so they sold it locally as crack. But once they realized how much more the cocaine was worth in Europe, they began smuggling it out of the port, he said.

Meanwhile, marijuana was arriving from Jamaica and Colombia, and gangs fought over the local market. Victims of that violence are mostly in marginalized neighborhoods, Arias said.

Costa Rican authorities

classified 421 of last year’s 657 homicides as “score settling.”

Former Security Minister Gustavo Mata estimated that 80% of the killings in Costa Rica were related to the growth in drug trafficking.

“We used to talk about Colombian cartels, Mexican cartels,” Mata said. But now investigators have found gangs led by Costa Ricans, he said.

Mata, who served as security minister from 2015 to 2018, said that Costa Rica had become an “enormous warehouse” of drugs and an operations center for exports to Europe.

The Limon port’s shipping business — both legal and illegal — has placed it at the center of violence.

“In Limon, there are four strong criminal groups

competing for the drug market,” said Randall Zuniga, director of Costa Rica’s Judicial Investigation Department. These groups clash, and “generally the people who die are sellers or members of the criminal groups.”

But the violence has not been confined to Limon or to those involved in the drug trade.

The Feb. 28 shooting of 8-year-old Samuel Arroyo, killed by a stray bullet while he slept in the capital San Jose, stirred outrage. Costa Ricans with no connection to the boy’s family turned out for his funeral carrying white balloons.

President Chaves said Samuel died in a manner that was “outrageous, inexplicable and unacceptable.” The president said

the shooting apparently stemmed from a gang war. A 15-year-old was arrested in connection with the death.

One month earlier, Ingrid Munoz organized a demonstration outside federal courts in San Jose to demand action after her 19-year-old son Keylor Gambia was killed defending his girlfriend from an assault.

“What we’re seeking is to create consciousness so that there is not impunity,” Munoz said. “What we want is justice, so that the judges, as well as the prosecutors, understand the serious situation that not only the youth, but everyone in the country, is living.”

Security Minister Jorge Torres, in comments to congress in January, faulted a justice system in which he said those sentenced on

drug violations serve only a fraction of their prison sentences. “There are crimes for which you must serve the entire sentence,” Torres said.

Torres said he would have a new security strategy ready by June, but meanwhile more resources for police were needed.

“If we want to resolve this in the short term, we need more police in the streets,” he said.

Limon sits 100 miles east of San Jose. It is Costa Rica’s most important port, handling much of the country’s exports to the United States and Europe.

In 2018, the government privatized its container port, giving the concession to a Dutch company.

Antonio Wells, secretary general of the dockworkers union for Costa Rica’s Atlantic ports, said some 7,000 jobs were lost in the port privatization, which he blames for Limon’s social problems.

Last year, Limon was the canton with the second-highest murder rate with more than 62 homicides per 100,000 residents.

“If there are no jobs, it sounds terrible to say, but for many the closest thing to a job is being a hit man,” Wells said.

Costa Rica’s murder rate has increased in each of the last four years. Last year’s rate was 12.6 per 100,000 residents, still only about one-third that of Honduras, but the highest for Costa Rica since at least 1990.

Costa Rica’s Association of Professionals in Economic Sciences in January found a strong correlation between low levels of development and high homicide rates in the most violent cantons like Limon.

“This isn’t the Limon I grew up in,” a retiree who identified himself only as David said on a recent day as he chatted with others in the city’s central square. “After 9 o’clock at night you can’t walk, and it’s really sad.”



Emergency workers work the scene of a fatal accident Aug. 24, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Nearly 43,000 people died in U.S. traffic crashes in 2021. MICHAEL NOBLE JR./TULSA WORLD

Distracted driving key factor in rise of 2021 traffic deaths

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Nearly 43,000 people died in U.S. traffic crashes in 2021, the highest number in 16 years with deaths due to speeding and impaired or distracted driving on the rise.

The 2021 final numbers, released Monday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, confirmed earlier estimates by the agency showing a 10.5% increase in deaths over 2020. That’s the highest number since 2005 and the largest percentage increase since 1975.

Data shows a 12% rise in fatal crashes involving at least one distracted driver, with 3,522 people killed. That prompted the agency to kick off a \$5 million advertising campaign in an effort to keep drivers focused on the road. Agency officials said such cases likely are under-reported by police.

The number of pedestrians killed rose 13%, and cyclist fatalities were up 2% for the year. The number of unbelted passengers killed rose 8.1%, while fatalities involving alcohol-impaired

driving were up 14%.

Speeding-related deaths increased 7.9%, while crash deaths involving large trucks weighing over 10,000 pounds were up 17%.

At a news conference Monday in Seattle, NHTSA focused on distracted driving fatalities, which speakers said are entirely preventable if people stop using their cellphones, eating or doing other things that divert attention from the road.

“Remember it only takes a moment to change your life forever,” said Sophie Shulman, NHTSA deputy administrator.

Steve Kiefer, a retired General Motors executive whose son, Mitchel, was killed in a 2016 distracted driving crash, said cellphones are a primary cause of distraction. But technology is available to prevent it including “do not disturb” modes, as well as apps and in-car systems that watch drivers to make sure they’re paying attention.

“All of this technology is available today, and there’s no reason we can’t use it and roll it out quickly,” Kiefer said.

Distracted driving deaths

are related to America’s addiction to cellphones, said Kiefer, who started a foundation with the goal of ending distracted driving. He said 90% of people are aware of the danger of distracted driving, yet 80% admit to doing it. In 25 states with laws against hand-held cellphone use, traffic deaths, crashes and insurance rates have dropped, he said.

“We believe that legislation will change behavior,” Kiefer said.

Mitchel Kiefer was driving from home to Michigan State University on Interstate 96 when traffic slowed and his car was hit from behind by a driver who was distracted by her phone, Kiefer said. His car was knocked across the median and into oncoming traffic, where he was killed instantly.

The crash was not reported as involving a distracted driver, illustrating how distracted driving deaths are underreported, Kiefer said.

NHTSA reported that the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled increased 2.2% to 1.37 in 2021.

Kosovo ex-president on trial, charged with murder, torture

By Mike Corder
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — An international prosecutor declared Monday that “nobody is above the law,” as the trial opened for Kosovo’s former president and three other defendants on charges including murder and torture in a case that their supporters claim is unjustly targeting revered freedom fighters.

Hashim Thaci resigned from office in 2020 to defend himself against the charges of crimes against humanity and war crimes committed during his country’s 1998-99 war for independence from Serbia.

“I am fully not guilty,” Thaci, who went by the nickname The Snake during the war, told judges at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers as the trial opened. The other three defendants also repeated not guilty pleas made at earlier pretrial hearings.

The case has stirred an outpouring of support from across the political spectrum in Kosovo. On Sunday, thousands of people took to the streets to show their support for the defendants. Many Kosovars consider the Netherlands-based court an injustice and view it as an attempt to rewrite the history of their struggle for independence.

Prosecutor Alex Whiting said the KLA, a guerrilla force which battled against the powerful Serbian military, had “a very clear and explicit policy of targeting collaborators and perceived traitors including political opponents.”

Whiting said prosecutors would prove that the KLA and was responsible for hundreds of murders and illegal detentions across Kosovo and northern Albania in 1998 and 1999 and that the four accused are responsible for those crimes as military leaders of the



Former Kosovo President Hashim Thaci appears before the Kosovo Tribunal on Monday as he defends himself against murder and torture charges. KOEN VAN WEEL/POOL PHOTO

KLA general staff.

“Most of the victims of the accused were fellow Kosovar Albanians. In their zeal to target and eliminate those persons they deemed to be opponents, the accused endorsed and implemented a policy that often victimized their own,” Whiting said, adding that the trial was about key defending principles.

“Nobody is above the law, even during wartime,” he added.

Whiting has led the prosecution office preparing the case against Thaci since late last year. He replaced Jack Smith, who was named a U.S. Justice Department special counsel last November to oversee investigations into former President Donald Trump’s retention of hundreds of classified documents at his Florida home, as well as efforts by Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Both investigations are pending, and have not resulted in criminal charges.

As the trial opened, hundreds of supporters of Thaci and the other defendants gathered near The Hague’s central railway station. Many waved flags and banners, including

one that read: “Don’t equal victims with the criminals!” Another proclaimed: “KLA fought for freedom.”

Vullnet Guri, who traveled from Switzerland to join the demonstration said: “We are protesting here for liberation of our fighters, they fight actually only for our freedom, and it is a big injustice to put them in the same quality of the Serbian army that made genocide in our country.”

Prosecution lawyer Clare Lawson stressed that the KLA itself was not in the dock.

“The KLA is not on trial. The liberation war waged by the KLA is not on trial. These four accused are on trial in respect of their personal responsibility for crimes committed against persons who they viewed as opponents, a majority of whom were in fact their fellow Kosovo Albanians,” she said. “In their bid for supremacy, they entrenched a climate of fear pitting neighbor against neighbor, a climate which still persists today.”

Lawyers for Thaci and the other defendants are set to deliver their opening statements Tuesday. The first witnesses are expected to testify next week.

How counteroffensive might look

Kyiv might need more than one to accomplish its aims

By Barry Hatton
Associated Press

Europe’s biggest armed conflict since World War II is poised to enter a new phase in the coming weeks. With no suggestion of a negotiated end to the 13 months of fighting between Russia and Ukraine, the Ukrainian defense minister said last week that a spring counteroffensive could begin as soon as April. Kyiv faces a key tactical question: How can the Ukrainian military dislodge Kremlin forces from land they are occupying? Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is working hard to keep his troops, and the general public, motivated for a long fight. Here’s a look at how the fighting has evolved and how the spring campaign might unfold:

Q: How did the war get here?
A: Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022, but its attacks fell short of some main targets and lost momentum by July. Ukrainian counter-offensives took back large areas from August through November. Then the fighting got bogged down in attritional warfare during the bitter winter and into the muddy, early spring thaw. Now Kyiv can take advantage of improved weather to seize the battlefield initiative with new batches of Western weapons and fresh troops. But Russian forces are dug in deep, lying in wait behind minefields and along miles of trenches.

Q: How has Russia fared so far?
A: The war has exposed embarrassing shortcom-



Ukrainian soldiers fire artillery at Russian positions last November near Bakhmut, in Ukraine’s Donetsk region, where fighting has raged for months. LIBKOS 2022

ings in the Kremlin’s military prowess. The battlefield setbacks include Russia’s failure to reach Kyiv, its inability to hold some areas and its failure to take the devastated eastern city of Bakhmut despite seven months of fighting. Attempts to break the Ukrainian will to fight, such as relentlessly striking the country’s power grid, have failed too. Moscow’s intelligence services badly misjudged Ukraine’s resolve and the West’s response. The invasion has also depleted Russian military resources. Russian President Vladimir Putin, apparently concerned that the war could erode public support for his government, has avoided an all-out push for victory through a mandatory mass mobilization. Realizing he cannot win the war any time soon, Putin

aims to hunker down and drag out the fighting in the hope that Western support for Kyiv eventually frays, said James Nixey, director of the Russia and Eurasia program at Chatham House, a think tank in London. Russia’s strategy is designed around “getting the West to crumble,” he said.

Q: What’s next for the Ukrainians?
A: The Ukrainian military starts the season with an influx of powerful weapons. Germany said last week that it had delivered the 18 Leopard 2 tanks it promised to Ukraine. Poland, Canada and Norway have also handed over their pledged Leopard tanks. British Challenger tanks have arrived too. Ukraine’s defense minister, Oleksii Reznikov, has said he’s hopeful Western partners will supply at

least two battalions of the German-made Leopard 2s soon. He also expects six or seven battalions of Leopard 1 tanks, with ammunition, from a coalition of countries. Also pledged are U.S. Abrams tanks and French light tanks, along with Ukraine soldiers recently trained in their use. The Western help has been vital in strengthening Ukraine’s dogged resistance and shaping the course of the war. Zelenskyy recognizes that without U.S. help, his country has no chance to prevail. The new supplies, including howitzers, anti-tank weapons and 1 million rounds of artillery ammunition, will add more muscle to the Ukraine military and give it a bigger punch. “Sheer numbers of tanks can drive a deeper wedge into Russian holding posi-

tions,” Nixey said. In their counteroffensive, Ukrainian forces will look to break through the land corridor between Russia and the annexed Crimean peninsula, moving from Zaporizhzhia toward Melitopol and the Azov Sea, according to Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov. If successful, the Ukrainians “will split the Russian troops into two halves and cut off supply lines to the units that are located farther to the west, in the direction of Crimea,” Zhdanov said.

Q: What might the endgame be?
A: The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, reckons that Ukraine will need to launch a series of counteroffensives, not just one, to get the upper hand. The operations would have “the twin aims of

persuading Putin to accept a negotiated compromise or of creating military realities sufficiently favorable to Ukraine that Kyiv and its Western allies can then effectively freeze the conflict on their own regardless of Putin’s decisions,” the institute said in an assessment published this week. Nixey has no doubt that each side will keep “tearing chunks out of each other” over the coming months to gain an advantage at the negotiating table. A make-or-break period may lie ahead: If Kyiv fails to make progress on the battlefield, allies may become reluctant to send it more of their expensive hardware. The stakes are high: Defeat for Ukraine would “have global ramifications, and there will be no such thing as European security as we (currently) understand it,” Nixey said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Tenn. school shooter planned deadly attack for months, police say

From news services

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — As students across Nashville walked out of class Monday to protest gun violence at the Tennessee Capitol following a school shooting last week, police said the person who killed six people, including three 9-year-old children, had been planning the massacre for months. Police have not established a motive for the shootings at The Covenant School, a small Christian elementary school where the 28-year-old shooter was once a student, according to a Monday news release from the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. Both Nashville police and FBI agents continue to review writings left behind by Audrey Hale, both in Hale’s vehicle and home, police said. “It is known that Hale considered the actions of other mass murderers,” police said. The three children who were killed in the shooting were Evelyn Dieckhaus, Hallie Scruggs and William Kinney. The three adults were Katherine Koonce, 60, the head of the school; custodian Mike Hill, 61; and substitute teacher Cynthia Peak, 61. Hale fired 152 rounds during the attack before being killed by police. That included 126 rifle rounds and dozens of 9mm rounds, according to police. Outside the state Capitol on Monday, thousands rallied in a call for gun reform, many of them students from Nashville-area schools who walked out of their classes.

Appealing arrest in Russia: Lawyers representing an American reporter for The Wall Street Journal arrested in Russia on espionage charges have appealed his

arrest, a court in Moscow announced Monday. Evan Gershkovich, 31, was detained last week in Yekaterinburg, Russia’s fourth-largest city. It was the first time a U.S. correspondent had been detained on spying accusations since the Cold War. The Journal has said it “vehemently denies” the charges and demanded his release. At a hearing Thursday, Moscow’s Lefortovsky District court quickly ruled that Gershkovich would be kept behind bars for two months pending the investigation. On Monday, the court reported that it has received an appeal against Gershkovich’s arrest that was filed by his defense, according to Russian news agencies. No date for a hearing on the appeal has been set yet.

Utah abortion ban: The Planned Parenthood Association of Utah and ACLU of Utah filed a lawsuit Monday challenging a new state law that would ban abortion clinics in the deeply conservative state, arguing that would effectively limit access for those seeking abortions even though they remain legal in Utah up to 18 weeks of pregnancy. The clinic law signed by Republican Gov. Spencer Cox last month is set to take effect May 3, at which time abortion clinics will no longer be able to apply to be licensed. It institutes a full ban Jan. 1, 2024. Due to concerns about legal liability, Planned Parenthood said they would plan to stop providing abortions as soon as the law takes effect due to what they interpret as conflicting provisions of the law. Planned Parenthood operates three of the state’s four abortion clinics and said they do not intend to discontinue the majority of



Penitents dressed as ancient Romans take part Monday in a “Miserere” procession in Baena, southern Spain. Hundreds of processions take place throughout Spain during the Easter Holy Week, one of country’s most revered holiday periods. Planned throughout the year, these colorful and noisy events draw multitudes onto the streets to watch. MANU FERNANDEZ/AP

non-abortion services they provide — including tests and screenings for pregnancy, cancer and sexually transmitted infections. Sarah Stoesz, the president-CEO of Utah’s Planned Parenthood affiliate, called the law “cruel” and said it was tantamount to a full ban on abortions.

ND trans law: Teachers in North Dakota can still refer to transgender students by the personal pronouns they use, after lawmakers on Monday failed to override the governor’s veto of a controversial bill to place restrictions on educators. House lawmakers fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to block the veto, days after Republican Gov. Doug Burgum’s office announced the veto and the Senate overrode it. The bill would have prohibited public school teachers and employees from acknowledging the personal pronouns a transgender student uses, unless they received permission

from the student’s parents as well as a school administrator. It would have also prohibited government agencies from requiring employees to acknowledge the pronouns a transgender colleague uses.

Appealing defamation: An Indian court Monday suspended a two-year prison sentence for Indian opposition leader Rahul Gandhi as he appeals his criminal conviction for mocking the prime minister’s surname, which resulted in his expulsion from Parliament, dealing a setback to his Congress party ahead of general elections next year. Gandhi, a critic of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his main challenger in the 2024 polls, was ousted after a court sentenced him to two years in prison for defamation for a comment made in a 2019 election speech. The prosecution of Gandhi, the great-grandson of India’s first prime minister and scion of the dynastic

Congress party, was widely condemned by opponents of Modi as the latest assault against democracy and free speech by a government seeking to crush dissent. Gandhi appeared in a court in the western state of Gujarat on Monday to file an appeal and was granted bail for the duration of the appeal process. He was granted bail for 30 days to file an appeal when he was convicted last month. The court set the next hearing for April 13.

1980 bombing suspect: A Lebanese-Canadian academic who is the lone suspect in a 1980 bombing outside a Paris synagogue went on trial in absentia Monday, nearly 43 years after four people were killed and 46 wounded in the unclaimed attack. French authorities identified Hassan Diab as a suspect in 1999. They accuse him of planting the bomb on the evening of Oct. 3, 1980, outside the synagogue where 320 worshippers had

gathered to mark the end of a Jewish holiday. Diab, 69, has denied involvement in the attack and said he was at a university in Beirut at the time of the western Paris bombing. His supporters and lawyers in France and Canada say Diab has been wrongly pursued by French judicial authorities as a victim of mistaken identity. French investigators attributed the synagogue attack to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-Special Operations. Canada authorized Diab’s extradition to France at the end of 2014. He spent three years in pretrial detention but anti-terrorism judges then ordered him freed from French custody due to a lack of evidence, and he returned to Canada. France’s court of appeal ruled in January 2021 that Diab must stand trial on terrorism-related charges. If convicted, he could receive a life sentence. A verdict is expected by April 21. He lives in Ottawa.

ARTS & LIVING



Matthew Reed cosplays as the Joker at the Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo on Saturday. SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BACK IN FULL FORCE

C2E2 proudly makes return to Chicago

By Christopher Borrelli | Chicago Tribune

The cosplay wrangler walked to the center of the conference room. “OK, anybody worried in here?” she asked. She was surrounded by fairies and monsters, one Batman, a Snow White, a Beetlejuice and super soldiers shouldering guns so large the barrels teetered above them. They were on the fourth floor of McCormick Place on Saturday night, preparing to be ushered into the Cosplay Central Crown Championships, one of the key events of the annual C2E2, Chicago’s largest comic con. It’s an elaborate, nail-biting, goofy international competition. Say what you will about the World Series, the Cosplay Central Crown Championships actually has competitors from around the world.

The room quieted down.

“What I mean is,” the wrangler continued, “is anyone worried about getting on stage?”

It was a fair question. Cosplay — if you’re unaware — is amateur costuming, paired with a tinge of method roleplay. Some costumes take hundreds of hours to build and thousands of dollars. Hardcore cosplayers make *everything*. Less committed ones turn to Amazon. The Cosplay Central Crown Championships then, in its 10th year, is something like a reality fashion show, crafting contest, sporting event and open acting audition, all squashed together. Picture a cake competition but the people *are* the cakes, and they often take just as much care to move around. The contestant from Spain wore a grand homemade gown the British

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Left: Stephanie Slone of Bloomington, Indiana, won the regional, national and international competitions of the 2023 Cosplay Central Crown Championships at C2E2 in Chicago. She was dressed as Aloy, of the video game Horizon Zero Dawn. JAMES COLETT/REEDPOP

Below: Cosplayers Joshua Trienzenberg, from left, Riley Blaeske and Gul Cecutti attend the Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo on Saturday. SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS



WGN’s Potash exercises his curiosity with ‘Backstory’



Rick Kogan

Perhaps you have noticed, amid that soon-to-end numbing onslaught of political ads and the ongoing commercial avalanche for the Shen Yun performance troupe, some television mentions of WGN-TV’s 75th anniversary. It’s certainly worth hoopla: since it first went on the air on April 5, 1948, the station has brought a number of people and shows to your living rooms and, more recently, your array of devices, including Bozo the Clown, Jack Brickhouse and Tom Skilling. For many locals, WGN has been a constant, friendly life-long companion.

For weeks, the station has been peppering its programming with special segments, many of them by reporter Mike Lowe, who is the point man and principal reporter for the occasion, spicing up every 9 p.m. Thursday news broadcast with reports on



Larry Potash, WGN-TV morning co-anchor returns for the 12th season of his compelling “Backstory.” WGN-TV

such things as an ancient (huge) camera, the station’s collaboration with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, a fine and tender profile of Brickhouse, a lot of sports clips and other bygone matters.

Retirees make cameos — Mark Suppelsa, Steve Sanders, Robert

Jordan and producer Pam Grimes among them. Current employees pop up, with morning co-anchor Robin Baumgarten especially charming with her memories of childhood visits with “Bozo’s Circus.” There’s a two-hour special marking the anniversary at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

I don’t know if any time will be devoted to “Backstory with Larry Potash,” which I have long considered one of the station’s most engaging and smart offerings. It’s conceived and hosted by morning news co-anchor Larry Potash, with principal collaborator Mike D’Angelo, an artful

cameraman/producer. The 12th season premieres at 7 p.m. Saturday.

A native of Lynn, Massachusetts, a city close to Boston, Potash obviously has been inspired by the deep history of that area. His TV career took him to a couple of requisite small market jobs before he arrived at WGN in 1994, settling into the anchor chair the next year. For a few years at the start of this century, he wrote a regular and lively column for the Tribune’s bygone RedEye section.

Potash has anchored the WGN Morning News for more than a quarter century. He has won more than a dozen Emmy awards and the news show he helms, primarily with co-anchor Baumgarten, weather forecaster Paul Konrad, sports reporter Pat Tomasulo, entertainment reporter Dean Richards and woman-about-town Ana Belaval consistently tops its competing programs, local and national.

It is often a wild mix of the serious and the silly, but so is the world and this city, and the

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CELEBRITIES

Jelly Roll reigns over CMT awards

From news services

Jelly Roll was the big winner at the CMT Music Awards, as the rapper-turned-country singer took home three awards Sunday as an outsider who won over fans with his confessional songs.

The singer got emotional during the show in Austin, Texas, as he thanked the country radio industry for its acceptance and shouted out to those who felt like him.

“You can be whatever you want to be. I promise you that. I told them that I wanted to be a country singer, and I am standing here at the CMT Awards with the male video of the year, baby,” he said.

He also won for male breakthrough video and digital-first performance for his single, “Son of a Sinner.”

Singer and co-host Kelsea Ballerini began the show by reading the names of six people killed in last week’s school shooting in Nashville, Tennessee. Artists also wore black ribbons on the red carpet to honor the victims.

Country superstar Shania Twain was given the Equal Play Award, recognizing her for being a “visible and vocal advocate” for diverse voices in country music.

Lainey Wilson won for female video of the year for “Heart Like a Truck” and collaborative video of the year for “Wait in the Truck” with Hardy.

Co-host Kane Brown took home an award with his wife, Katelyn, winning video of the year for their duet, “Thank God.”

Southern rockers Lynyrd Skynyrd were honored with a tribute performance following the death in March of the last original member, Gary Rossington. ZZ Top’s Billy Gibbons, Slash of Guns N’ Roses and the Allman Brothers’ Warren



Jelly Roll accepts the trophy for male breakthrough video Sunday at the CMT Music Awards. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Haynes and Chuck Leavell wrapped the show with singers Paul Rodgers and Cody Johnson and backup vocals from LeAnn Rimes and Wynonna Judd.

GLAAD Awards honor Bad Bunny, Aguilera: The 34th GLAAD Media Awards on Thursday featured a surprise Jennifer Coolidge appearance and honors for Bad Bunny and Christina Aguilera. The GLAAD Media Awards show, intended to honor “fair, accurate and inclusive representation of LGBTQ individuals and issues,” will land April 12 on Hulu.

Ricky Martin took the stage to present Bad Bunny with the Vanguard Award for his LGBTQ+ allyship. Aguilera was presented with the Advocate for Change award by Club Q survivor Michael Anderson, a bartender at the Colorado Springs nightclub the night of the deadly shooting in 2022. Gabrielle Union presented Jeremy Pope, her “The Inspection” co-star, with the Stephen F. Kolzak award for promoting LGBTQ+ visibility and acceptance.

The show also paid

tribute to the late Leslie Jordan with a performance from country music star Orville Peck.

Cuoco welcomes child: Kaley Cuoco has given birth to her first child. The actor said on Instagram Saturday that she and fellow actor Tom Pelphrey now have a daughter named Matilda Carmine Richie Pelphrey.

“The new light of our lives!” Cuoco posted, along with a series of pictures of the baby, who was born Thursday. “We are overjoyed and grateful for this little miracle.”

Cuoco, 37, and Pelphrey, 40, began dating last year, and in October, the couple announced they were expecting a child together.

April 4 birthdays: Actor Craig T. Nelson is 79. Actor Christine Lahti is 73. Singer Steve Gatlin is 72. Actor Robert Downey Jr. is 58. Singer Jill Scott is 51. Magician David Blaine is 50. Actor James Roday is 47. Actor Natasha Lyonne is 44. Comedian Eric Andre is 40. Actor Jamie Lynn Spears is 32. Singer Austin Mahone is 27.



ASK AMY

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Retired officer should check in on finances

Dear Amy: I’m a retired Army officer and since 2008 have deferred all decisions about my finances to my wife, who has an MBA.

For the past five years, she did our taxes, and I never even had the chance to review them. One year we owed \$40K, and this year, \$16K. I asked to see our return tonight and suggested that we may want a professional to review the return.

The response was “We don’t need a (expletive) accountant!”

I earn \$215K, and she earns \$150K annually, and I really don’t know where the money goes. I hope to retire in five years, but feel I need a neutral third-party professional to advise. Thoughts?

— Not Informed

Dear Not Informed: You say you are retired from the military, but you are obviously working in another field and looking toward your second retirement. You and your wife are high earners.

This ignorance is on you. You are sharing your life with someone who has expertise in finance, and yet you have surrendered all of your personal fiscal responsibility to her, when you could have spent these years learning from her.

Most of us would be happy to turn over the responsibility to file taxes to another competent person, and yet you still have a duty to know where your earnings are going, how they’re being spent and how well you are set up for your retirement.

Your wife is obviously responding very defensively to your suggestion.

This is a red flag, but I suggest that before going def-con on this topic, ask her to review all of your finances, retirement funds and tax issues with you.

You should have full access to all joint accounts and those that bear your name, including passwords and the ability to review statements. You should then keep up with these accounts by checking them regularly.

You two should be full partners in your household finances. If your wife refuses to participate in this effort, then you have a serious problem, which a forensic accountant might help you to sort out.

Dear Amy: I am a 26-year-old stay-at-home-mom. I absolutely love it. My issue is that living in the country (15 minutes from any town) makes it hard for me to make friends. The only friends I have anymore are my husband’s friends.

I love my husband’s friends, but it would also be nice to have my own friends that have kids for my kids to play with. Almost everywhere I go, I have one or both of my kids with me. That’s only if I go anywhere! When my kids had RSV, I didn’t leave our acreage for a month!

Do you have any tips for me to make my own friends and to find other stay-at-home parents around for friends so that my kids can get to know other children?

— Wanting Some Friends

Dear Wanting Friends: My first suggestion is that you take your kids to the library! Most public libraries host regular storytimes for children, and this is a

great way to meet other families with young kids.

While at the library, check out other resources for families in town (the librarian can help). These might include swimming lessons at the YWCA, art classes and various scheduled playgroups.

It might feel awkward for you to be so intentional about making friends, but in adulthood, this is often the only way to do it. The good news is that you have your children to pave the way. Kids are wonderful social connectors, and parenting children at the same stage of life is a significant commonality.

Dear Amy: I found myself in a situation similar to “Stuck,” who was with a widowed man whose daughter would not accept her.

When I was dating the woman who became my wife, her 13-year-old would act up. His parents were divorced. I sat down with him and explained that I wasn’t trying to replace his dad, and that I couldn’t. His dad was his dad!

I also explained that there was nothing he could do to drive me away. I was going to stay as long as his mom would have me.

It worked! Forty-six years later she passed away, and he and I are still on good terms.

— Charlie

Dear Charlie: What a perfect response to a hurting adolescent! Charlie, you’re a keeper.

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would have approved. One man’s “Fantastic Four” arms extended many feet before him. Beetlejuice walked slowly, insuring the working carousel on his head didn’t topple. A Demogorgon from “Stranger Things,” head splayed open like lethal flower, was so long and spindly, stairs were its kryptonite. Sara Jones of Urbana, dressed as a forest god from Dungeons & Dragons, wore a woody floral headdress so large it could have made a perfect Thanksgiving table centerpiece.

“I have no peripheral vision,” she groaned, her face hidden behind black fabric.

Among them, waiting for the contest to start, stood Stephanie Slone of Bloomington, Indiana. By the end of the night, she took the regional competition, the national competition, then, for the hat trick, the international competition. Her prizes included \$6,000, a real crown and a trip to London, where she was already invited to serve as a cosplay judge. Her costume was so smart, and subtle, I’ll make you read on to know all the details, but in a nutshell: She cosplayed as Aloy, hero of a video game named Horizon Zero Dawn, draped in natural fibers, layered with so much color and detail, captured through traditional basketweaving techniques, it looked both industrial and preindustrial, with a bit of Aztec intricacy and a nod to Native American tribal wear. Think post-apocalyptic Fat Tuesday.

Slone hadn’t been cosplaying for long. She began in 2018 and only got serious during the pandemic, spending quarantine online getting to learn the bottomless cosplay ecosystem. At 32, she felt like came to cosplay too late, but she also thought she had a chance. She described herself the next day as not having a snarky or competitive bone in her body, but as soon as she learned she was



Paral Yam cosplays as Multiple Man at the Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo on Saturday. SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

accepted into the contest, she built a spreadsheet on her competition — not to get a competitive edge, she insisted. Still, when she walked into that conference room filled with cosplayers, a desire kicked in: “Like I told my husband, you don’t want to acknowledge what you want in your heart, because it hurts when it doesn’t come true. But right then, I felt there was a possibility.”

There are several ways to measure the health of a comic book convention. Kristina Rogers, vice president of comic-book events for ReedPOP, the Connecticut-based convention producer behind C2E2, Star Wars Celebration and the New York Comic Con, said C2E2 “felt this time, to me, like it’s back. Finally — at last.” Meaning, though ReedPOP slipped a C2E2 in just before the pandemic closed the nation in 2020, since then they have held three C2E2s at McCormick in the past 15 months, to keep some momentum going. Attendance was down for the first two. But this time, “It feels we have come full circle,” Rogers said. “The energy is there, the names are there. And people came out.” Three-day passes were sold-

out; Saturday itself was completely sold out. Attendance for the weekend was 75,000, the biggest crowd for the 13-year-old comic con in a while.

Chris “Captain America” Evans showed up. The cast of “Star Wars: The Clone Wars” was there. Buffy the Vampire Slayer’s boyfriends came out. The show floor was dizzyingly jammed at times. Collectors trawled Radio Flyer wagons full of comics and Funko Pop figures behind them. Dense archival boxes of vintage comics were crowded with fans, flipping, flipping, looking, looking. There were a number of panel discussions on horror writing, and on the need for mental health in fandom, and more than a few conversations about LGBTQ+ representation in genre fiction. A Wonder Woman sat on the floor beside a jaw cart, so exhausted her rib hung wide and eyes smiled, in happy shock. Even security, as of Saturday afternoon, always eager to oh-no-way a toy sword or realistic-looking grenade, had only confiscated (real) pepper spray and nail clip-

pers. But arguably the best metric for the health of a comic con is the richness of

its cosplay.

”Yo! Kite-Man! Hell yeah!”

That was a Spider-Man giving a shout to a Kite-Man, a deep-cut Batman villain. (There were many Spider-Men and only a couple Kite-Men.) The Holloway family of Appleton, Wisconsin, waited at an elevator, dressed as the cast of “The Nightmare Before Christmas.” Ed Saco, 63, of Memphis, as Speed Racer, in a motorized scooter, glided past Steven Moreno of Plainfield, assembling a tank of a costume with shoelaces and cardboard.

Maggie Hofmann, the head of costume technology for the Theatre School at DePaul University, a sometime cosplay contestant and C2E2 veteran, said: “I have been to this a lot, and somehow, despite the pandemic, it feels so big — probably a bit bigger even.”

Another measure of this: Hofmann and students from her department sat behind card tables all day, offering complimentary cosplay repairs. “And from 10 a.m. on, there’s been a line.” Alien fungus needed zippers fixed. A Spider-Woman from Bolingbrook needed the fingertips of her suit snipped off so she

could use her phone. A student in a maid costume (and animal tail) asked a man with a pyramid on his head: “Need help?”

The pyramid nodded. He needed glue and a safety pin.

A few booths away, a staffer at Harrison Design & Concepts — a Chicago fabrication shop that gets about half its business from cosplayers and half from TV and film productions — glued together alien technology. Helmets were shined. Swords constructed with 3D printers needed adhesive. Wigs did, too. Thread-work wants to come loose after a day of cosplay. Faux-metal armor was the trend for years, Hofmann said. But that’s given way to needlework, meaning cosplay is now more female than ever.

Indeed, the competition at the cosplay championships was at least two-thirds women. There was not a lot of trash talking, at least backstage. Hannah Gootzeit of Minnesota, dressed in orange paint as Ahsoka Tano of “Star Wars,” smiled at her mother and said: “I don’t think I have a very good chance. I mean, the level of detail....”

Gabriela Wozniak, her face painted in thick lines to resemble an animated character, had never competed outside her native Poland: “I’m terrified. I feel like every single person in this room would win this.” The contestant from Spain, who goes by Alisyuon, stood buried beneath jewels, crystals, a crown and a hoop skirt that’s removed to reveal a second, action-centric skirt. Valerie Jelnikova of Latvia looked at Alisyuon from across a table. “Realistically, when I come in here and see a costume that is so much better, I feel bad about what I have on. But truly, I want everyone in here to succeed.”

In front of an audience of a few thousand, they walked across the stage, one by one, before judges. Two judges were fixtures of the cosplay scene; two were professional costume and prop makers from Toronto. They sought attention to

detail, impeccable sewing, fresh ideas. The regional contest was followed by the winners of other comic cons around the country, paired down to compete with international winners. “By the time we reached the end,” said Robin Careless, a judge whose props have appeared in “The Boys” and “Suicide Squad,” “you could put this stuff in movies, with no changes.”

To be on this stage, contestants studied wire soldering, leather working, sculpting. Some contacted creators of the characters they played. They worked with buffalo hides and kimono silks, beads and denim and kilts. They wore tiny pagodas on their heads. Some distressed their costumes so impeccably, they mimicked convincing frost. A contestant from the UK, said judge Ian Campbell, figured out a way to do electroplating “using nonconductive materials, which really shouldn’t be possible.”

Slone — who won it all, regional, national, global — captured an ages-old, influence-rich folk art, with a chest plate and headdress that recalled both feathers and shells. She played the video game with her character endlessly, and studied and researched ways to capture the clothing tangibly. She worked with wood, and for her cape, she used irises from her backyard, then soaked and preserved them, to give an appearance of vibrancy. She embalmed eucalyptus leaves and wove them into the mosaic. Careless said that, in the end, her costume was so good, they couldn’t find a fault. She had even worked in stray threads to suggest the character, a warrior, was not the finest weaver.

When she won, Slone looked floor.

Her face contorted. Her husband cried. The contestant from Latvia rushed up and shouted: “I knew you would win!” Then the Michael Jordon of cosplay, the out-of-nowhere phenom from Indiana, raised her makeshift bow above her head and smiled.

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What to watch TUESDAY

April 4, 2023

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Mo’Nique: My Name Is Mo’Nique

Netflix

Actor/comedian Mo’Nique returns to the stage with her unique brand of candor, fearlessness and humor in this stand-up special that offers laugh-till-you-cry stories as well as soul-baring emotion.

FBI Global Crossover Event

CBS, beginning at 7 p.m.

The teams from producer Dick Wolf’s FBI, FBI: Most Wanted and FBI: International join forces for a three-hour crossover event tonight. Special Agents Maggie Bell (Missy Peregrin), Scott Forrester (Luke Kleintank) and Remy Scott (Dylan McDermott) work together to tackle a case spanning two continents.

Superman & Lois

The CW, 7 p.m.

In “Too Close to Home,” Lois (Elizabeth Tulloch) interrupts an intense conversation be-



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tween Clark (Tyler Hoechlin) and John Henry (Wole Parks).

9-1-1: Lone Star

FOX, 7 p.m.

The 126 race to rescue a woman with an arrow shot into her head in the new episode “Double Trouble.”

Finding Your Roots

PBS, 7 p.m. ■ Season Finale

As this investigative genealogy series wraps up Season 9, actors Tamera Mowry-Housley (Sister, Sister; The Real) and Billy Crudup (The Morning Show; Hello Tomorrow!) each receive their “book of life” from host Henry Louis Gates Jr. and discover surprising ancestors they don’t know about. Crudup’s family tree includes a slave owner and a North Carolina state legislator. Mowry-Housley’s roots are traced to a Bahamian slave revolt, the Mayflower voyage and the first Thanksgiving.

The Voice

NBC, 8 p.m.

The battle rounds conclude as the coaches

prepare their artists to go head-to-head in hopes of advancing to the Knockouts or advancing straight to playoffs with the coveted Playoff Pass. Each coach has one steal and one Playoff Pass.

American Experience

PBS, 8 p.m.

In “The Sun Queen,” learn about chemical engineer and inventor Maria Telkes, who spent nearly 50 years exploring how to harness the sun’s power. Battling sexism at MIT, she persevered to design the first successfully solar-heated house in 1948, had held more than 20 patents upon her passing in 1995 and is now recognized as a visionary pioneer in the field of sustainable energy.

That’s My Jam

NBC, 9 p.m.

Keke Palmer, Joel McHale, will.i.am and Saweetie join host Jimmy Fallon for a night of musical performances and games, including Turn the Beat Around, Get Outta My Face, Perfect Mashup and more, for a chance to be champions.

Frontline

PBS, 9 p.m.

“America and the Taliban, Part 1,” a three-part investigation continuing on April 11 and 25, explores how America’s 20-year investment in Afghanistan culminated in a disastrous Taliban victory. Drawing on decades of on-the-ground reporting and interviews with U.S. and Taliban officials, correspondent Martin Smith looks at the missteps and consequences that led to where we are and the threats that remain today.



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Bunny and Elmer Fudd — and **Gold Diggers of 1933** (1933), which is preceded by the 1935 short **An All-Colored Vaudeville Show**, featuring great vaudeville acts of the era like Adelaide Hall, the Nicholas Brothers and Eunice Wilson; Joan Blondell in **Footlight Parade** (1933) and **Three on a Match** (1932); and Kay Francis in **Mary Stevens, M.D.** (1933) and **I Found Stella Parish** (1935). — Jeff Pfeiffer

CATCH A CLASSIC

Warner Bros. 100th Anniversary: Studio Contract Players (Actresses)

TCM, beginning at 5:30 a.m.

A century ago today, on April 4, 1923, brothers Harry, Albert, Sam and Jack Warner founded the iconic Warner Bros. studio. Turner Classic Movies continues its month-long celebration of all things Warner today with a day devoted to films from some of the stars whose names are most associated with WB as contract players during the early Hollywood era when studios had all the power and basically maintained “stables” of big-screen celebrities exclusively for their

own productions (though they would sometimes “loan” an actor or actress to another studio). Salutes to Warner’s great female studio contract players will air on TCM Tuesdays this month, while on Wednesdays, the daylong lineups will focus on the studio’s male stars. Up first in today’s spotlight on legendary Warner Bros. actresses are two features starring Myrna Loy: 1929’s **The Great Divide** (pictured) and **The Truth About Youth** (1930). Then it’s Bebe Daniels in **My Past** (1931) and **The Maltese Falcon** (1931); Dolores Del Rio in **Madame du Barry** (1934) and **In Caliente** (1935); Ann Dvorak in **Love Is a Racket** (1932) and **Murder in the Clouds** (1934); Glenda Farrell in **Smart Blonde** (1937) and **Little Big Shot** (1935); Ginger Rogers in **42nd Street** (1933) — which is preceded by one of Warner Bros.’ classic Merrie Melodies animated shorts, **Stage Door Cartoon** (1944), starring Bugs

TCM	*** Grey Gardens ('75, Documentary) Former socialites become recluses in decrepit mansion.				*** La Promesse ('96, Drama) (Jérémy Renard) befriends a widowed illegal immigrant.
TLC	My Knees <i>N</i>	Skin/Peeling <i>N</i>	My Baby Weighs <i>N</i>	Body/Sh	
TNT	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Boston Celtics.	<i>N</i>	In NBA <i>N</i>	*** Sha	
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Headliners announced for Blues, Gospel and House Music Fests

By Doug George
Chicago Tribune

Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events on Monday announced performers and more information for this summer’s Blues Fest, Gospel Music Fest and the House Music Festival and Conference.

Chicago Gospel Music Festival (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.) June 3 at Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park): This festival kicks off the summer season in Millennium Park. Choir Nation opens for Karen Clark Sheard and Tye Tribbett. Plus a dance performance by Praise Productions.

Free; more at ChicagoGospelMusicFestival.us

Chicago Blues Festival (June 8-11 on the Rosa’s Lounge stage, Mississippi Juke Joint stage and Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park): Headliners for 2023 include Blind Boys of Alabama with Bobby Rush on Thursday; Jimmy Burns Band and John Primer and the Real Deal Blues Band Friday; Sugaray Rayford, Demetria Taylor with Mike Wheeler Band and Mud Morganfield Saturday; and Lil’ Ed & the Blues Imperials and Los Lobos Sunday. Free; more at ChicagoBluesFestival.us

Chicago House Music

Festival and Conference (conference 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. June 23 at Chicago Cultural Center; festival noon to 8 p.m. June 24 on the Humboldt Park Boat-house Lawn; programming noon to 2 p.m. June 25 at Maxwell Street Market): DJs include DJ Psycho-B, Emmaculate, DJ V, DJ Roy Davis Jr. and NoshLuv. Free; more at ChicagoHouseMusical-Festival.us

DCASE previously announced the overall summer calendar including Taste of Chicago; more at www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment.

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Kogan

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on-air personalities mesh as neatly as a theatrical ensemble. Their ability to switch from hard and sometimes dire news to trivial topics is often jarring but generally compelling.

I do not know Potash, have never met him, but admire his work. Others do too. “I’ve been a fan of Larry Potash for a long time,” said DePaul University professor and author Miles Harvey, who also helped found Big Shoulders Books. “I sometimes start my day with ‘Morning Joe’ on MSNBC, where it always seems as if the world is about to destroy itself before I even have time for a second cup of coffee.”

“When I turn to WGN’s morning show — well, the world still seems problematic and imperiled but also amusing and fascinating and quirky and fun. A lot of the credit for that goes to Larry, who has a real gift for simultaneously being a serious journalist and a hilarious human being.”

Harvey’s most recent book is “The King of Confi-

dence: A Tale of Utopian Dreamers, Frontier Schemers, True Believers, False Prophets, and the Murder of an American Monarch.” The story of James Jesse Strang, a mid-19th century figure so famous in his time that his death made front-page headlines across the world before quickly fading into history, it is, as I wrote in a 2020 review, a “deeply researched, artfully written and splendidly compelling” book.

Strang was quite the character, leading a controversial breakaway religious sect and declaring himself king of an island in the Great Lakes. At the end of the book, Harvey writes, “But people like James Strang never really vanish. When the time is right, they reappear, wearing a new guise, exploiting new fears, offering new dreams of salvation. Americans are fixated on such figures especially in periods of profound social and economic upheaval. ... So it is that the King of Confidence lives on.”

And so he does, as the “star” in the main segment of one of the four shows in the new “Backstory” season. Harvey enjoyed participating, saying, “When I chatted

with Larry before our interview, I learned that he has a huge intellectual curiosity. That sense of wonder, in fact, is no doubt what makes ‘Backstory’ such a great show.”

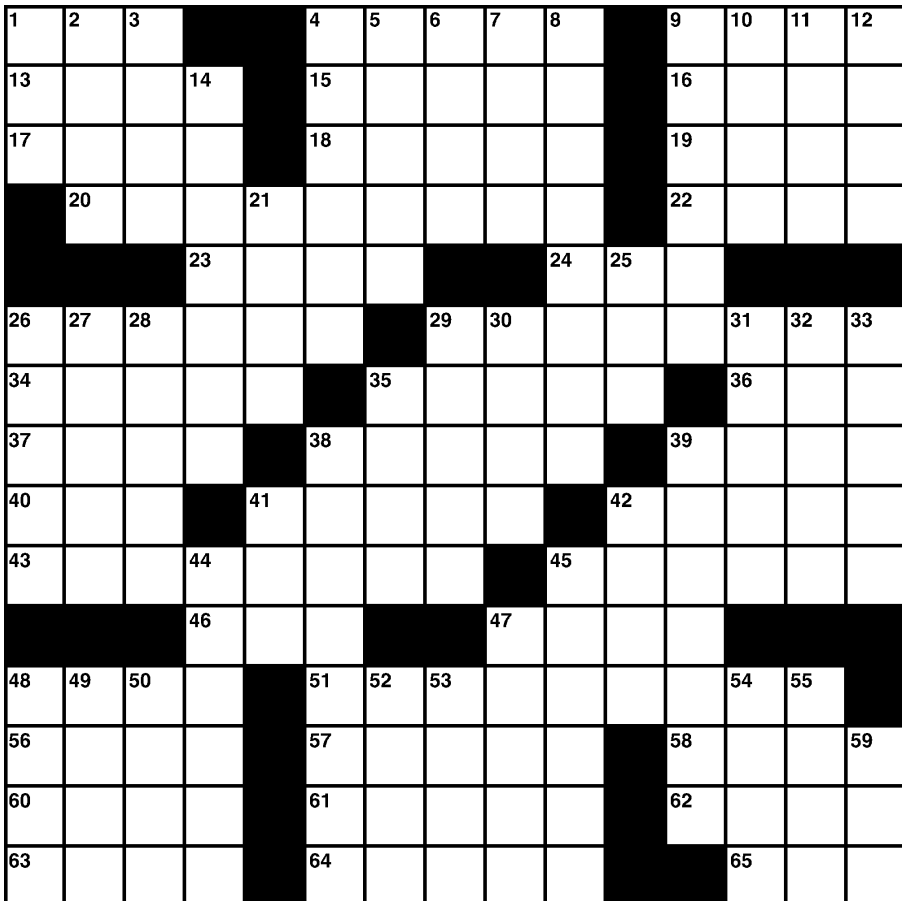
It is, too, a welcome and fast-paced 30 minutes that is a manifestation of Potash’s curiosity and passion, exploring little known and generally compelling stories from the past, whether about slain mobsters, bicycles or a massacre in Tulsa. Usually delivered in three varied segments, each show satisfies and, I can only hope, might lead viewers to further exploration.

So, the 75th anniversary special arrives Wednesday and the first of the four new episodes of this “Backstory” season comes Saturday, with segments on a top-secret WWII operation to prevent Nazis from developing nuclear weapons, a Native American artist in Oklahoma trying to bring new life to a down-the-hills town, and the history and uncertain future of comic books.

And the morning news rolls merrily on.

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Crossword



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ACROSS

- Flood refuge
- As ___ a hornet
- Think deeply
- Cry loudly
- ___ legislation; make laws
- As straight ___ arrow
- Minstrel’s harp
- Concur
- ___ a hand to; assist
- Most emaciated
- Vexes
- Realtor’s delight
- Mattress problem
- Dwell in
- Virtue
- Once the world’s largest retailer
- Mortgages, e.g.
- Kick oneself for
- Walking aid
- Pieces of silverware
- Sketch
- Not ___ Stranger”; Sinatra film
- Hereditary factors
- Pet ___; thorn in one’s side
- Fell off the wagon

- ___ together; united for a cause
- Yoga pad
- Accepted standard
- Having the needed skills
- Crucial
- Luau spoiler
- Legally binding
- Bug spray
- Not indecent
- Made laugh
- Approx. 2.2 lbs.
- Not his, mine or yours
- Beer
- Gen. Robert E. ___

DOWN

- Belt-maker’s tool
- Sunbeams
- Actor Douglas
- In a cruel way
- Girl’s nickname
- Take a risk
- Large diamonds
- Cowboy hats
- Vilify
- Drug addict
- Didn’t float
- Loose ___; unfinished business
- Free time
- Takes a rest

Solutions



- Product pitches
- Green Muppet
- Discontinue
- Erie or Panama
- Pierced
- Thousand __, CA
- Misspoke
- Smoothly charming
- Made clothes
- “The ___ Ranger”
- Gala event
- European nation
- Univ. admission factor
- Hair line
- Rectifies; reforms
- Outermost edge
- Bang or boom
- Prefix for enemy or angel
- Actor Christian
- One not to be trusted
- First word, perhaps
- Sink stopper
- Hammerer’s target
- Rummikub piece
- ___, a deer, a female deer...

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 4): You're a star this year. Gain personal dreams with disciplined plans and actions. Springtime brings personal milestones and victories, before a summer challenge redirects shared financial plans. Autumn romance and collaboration heats up, before winter financial challenges redirect attention.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Collaboration and coordination reveal simple solutions. Express your feelings with your partner. Listen and be heard. Romance arises in conversation. Discuss possibilities and potential.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Physical exercise recharges your batteries. Set goals to raise the level of your game. Keep it up; you're growing stronger, for lasting benefit.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Align your words and actions with your heart. Make time for fun. Invite someone interesting to play along. Your positive attitude is contagious.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Keep it practical. Domestic projects provide satisfying results. Make repairs and upgrades for family harmony. Invest love into your garden for delightful blossoming.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Discuss how you'd like things to be. Talk about dreams, visions and possibilities. Plot the potential. Put pieces together. Solving an intellectual puzzle satisfies.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. A lucrative opportunity knocks. Expand your talents and raise your rates. Catch a bonus with quick action. Realize long-term ambitions with small, practical steps.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Use your power and confidence for good. Let go of old assumptions, preconceptions or stereotypes that no longer serve. Fortune favors dreams with heart.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Step back to process recent events. There's light at the end of the tunnel. Privacy soothes. Nurture yourself with extra care. Savor peaceful rituals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Collaborate with friends to get farther. Discuss shared dreams, possibilities and options. Share ideas, resources and connections. Advance on long-term goals. Provide reliable support.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Career matters are worth advancing. You have the wind at your back. Your good work reflects you well. Let go of preconceptions or assumptions.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Adventure calls. Investigate options and potential. Find useful, practical applications for what you're learning. You can see the road for a long-held dream.

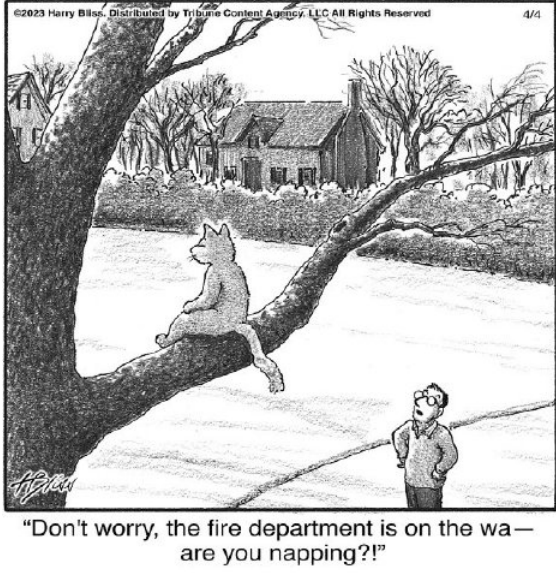
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Discuss dreams for the future, and advance shared goals. Discover a brilliant and unusual solution. Manage paperwork, taxes or legal affairs.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠	K 10	♠	J 4
♥	A Q 10 2	♥	J 9 6 4 3
♦	A J 10 7	♦	K Q 5 2
♣	A 5 4	♣	6 2
South			
♠	A Q 8 3		
♥	K 5		
♦	9 8 6		
♣	K Q J 3		

The auction is over and the dummy comes down. It's time to plan a line of play. Declarer calls on all his knowledge about bridge percentages and probabilities and makes a plan. Today's deal offers 11 top tricks, with good chances for a twelfth. The double diamond finesse offers a 75 percent chance for an extra trick, plus there is a chance that the jack of hearts might fall, making dummy's 10 the 12th trick. There is also an outside chance that both the jack and nine of

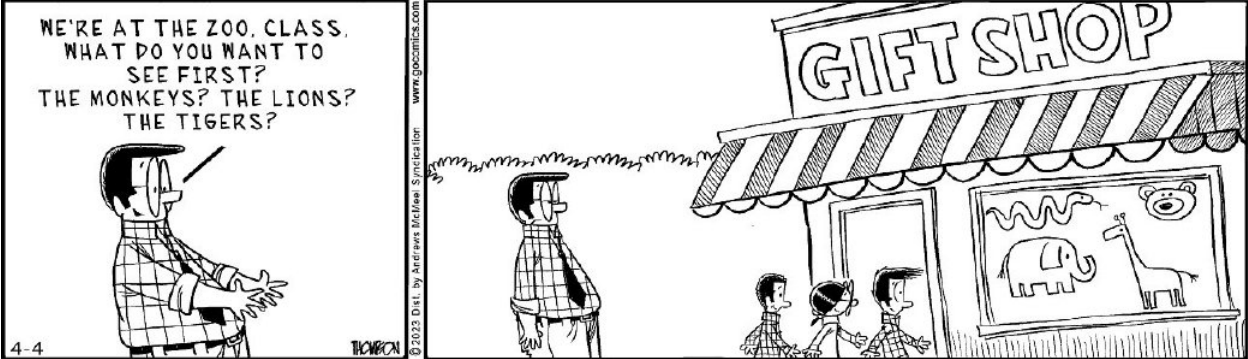
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2♠	Pass	6NT	All pass

Opening lead: 10 of ♣

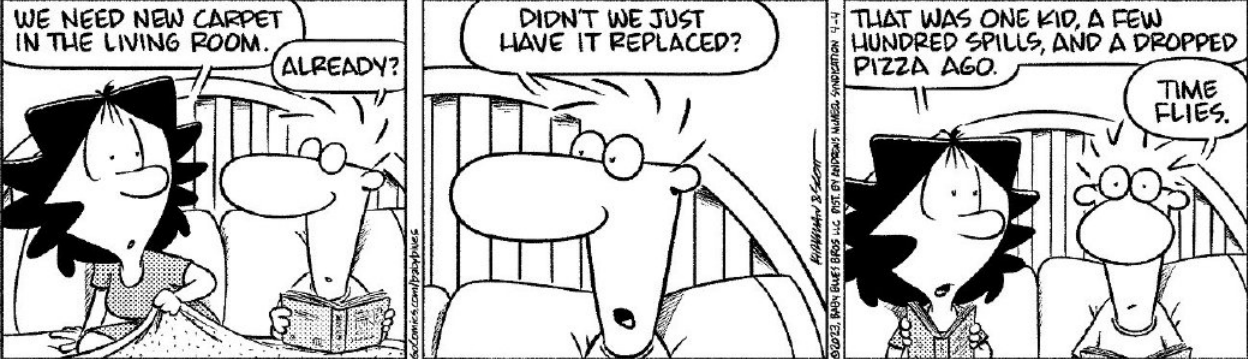
spades will fall making the eight into a trick. These chances, combined, give a better than 80 percent chance for success. Full of confidence, South wins the opening club lead in hand and runs the nine of diamonds to East's queen. East returns his remaining club to dummy's ace. South cashes three high hearts. When the jack doesn't drop, he cashes three top spades. No luck there either, so he cashes his remaining high clubs and leads a diamond to the jack to finish a disappointed down one. Every good declarer knows that finding a good line of play isn't enough. He will keep working in case there is an even better line of play. Had this declarer kept working he would have found a 100 percent line of play. Win the opening club lead with dummy's ace and cash two more clubs. When East shows out, the contract is unbeatable. Run the nine of diamonds right away. East will win, but any return gives up the 12th trick!

— Bob Jones
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Grand Avenue



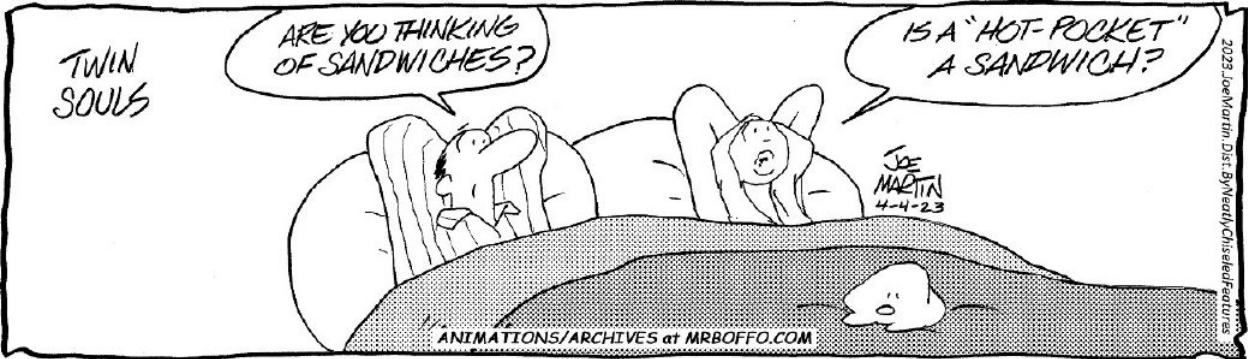
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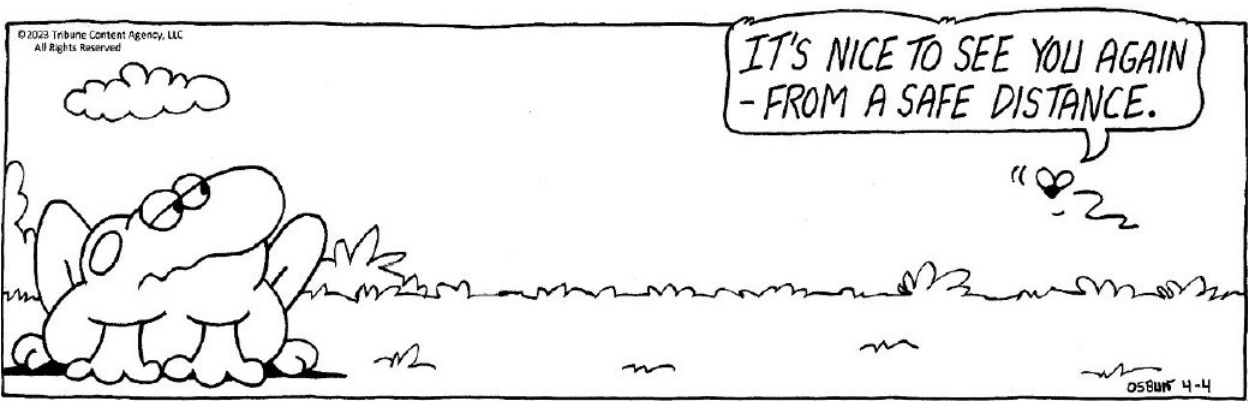
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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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7/10/18

WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: 1980s Sitcoms

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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MY TWO DADS
NEWHART
NIGHT COURT
ROSEANNE
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SILVER SPOONS
TAXI

THE COSBY SHOW
THE FACTS OF LIFE
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THREE'S A CROWD
WEBSTER
WHO'S THE BOSS

BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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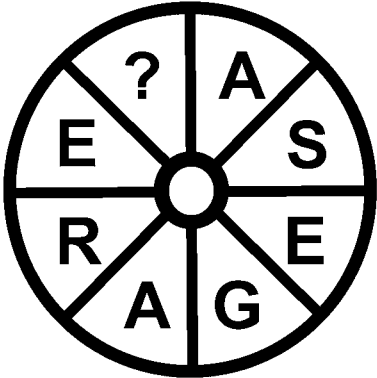
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by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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6/29/14

ACROSS

- "Touched by an _"
- "_ and a Half Men"
- Danny Thomas' daughter
- Jean-Claude Kilby or Phil Mahre
- "_ of the State"; Will Smith film
- Role on "Seinfeld"
- Anti's vote
- "Witches of _ End"; fantasy series for Julia Ormond
- Actress Spacek
- Arden and Plumb
- Actor John of "Good Times"
- Azaria
- Character actor _ Wynn
- Actress Peet
- "_ Wonderful Life"
- Sharif or Epps
- "_ Houston"; Lee Horsley series
- Star of the crime series "Hunter"
- Garfield's housemate
- "_ Number Four"; sci-fi movie
- Sitcom actor and stand-up comic Walker
- Spencer of "Chicago Fire"
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- "_ Landing"; spin-off of "Dallas"
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- Sherman Hemsley sitcom
- Dog in "Peter Pan"
- Series for Ellen Pompeo
- "A Nightmare on _ Street"
- Actress Myrna
- Conway or Allen
- "_ Willie Winkie"
- Hockey great Bobby _
- Yrbk. section
- Role on "Trophy Wife"
- Actress Panabaker
- Suffix for host or count
- "_ Big Girl Now"
- "Sanford and _"
- Dick _ Dyke
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's _"
- Music from Jamaica
- Delaney or Kardashian
- Letter from Greece
- Suffix for old, cold or bold
- Robert's love on "Everybody Loves Raymond"
- Actress _ West
- Miner's discovery
- "Live Free or _ Hard"; Bruce Willis movie
- Show no respect for, slangily
- Regarding; in the matter of
- "You Don't _ with the Zohan"; Adam Sandler movie
- Silverheels of "The Lone Ranger"
- Anger
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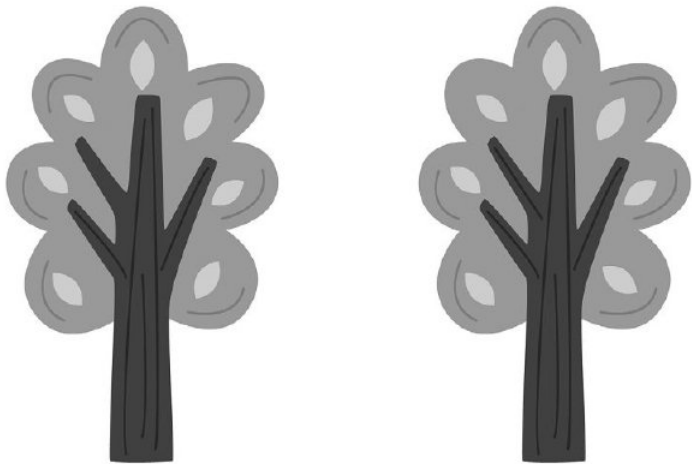
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White Sox starter Michael Kopech yells after the Giants' David Villar homered in the fifth inning Monday at Guaranteed Rate Field. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

HOME OPENER GIANTS 12, WHITE SOX 3

The wrecking crew

Grifol's home debut doesn't help
White Sox put 2022 in the past

The White Sox returned home Monday for the first time since October, hoping to put last season's agonies behind them for good.

Sox fans understand the concept of forgive and forget, even though they tend to neglect the latter, so the players and new manager Pedro Grifol were greeted warmly while driving in from center field in gas-guzzling vehicles during pregame introductions at Sox Park.

New year, new attitude?
Let's not get carried away.

By the fifth inning of the home opener against the Giants, when Sox starter Michael Kopech surrendered his fourth home



Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

run of the inning and fifth in a 21-batter span, the boos rained down on the field like the last game of 2022, in which the Twins scored six first-inning runs to end the season with a thud.

The Sox wound up surrendering seven home runs in a 12-3 loss to the Giants, and Grifol resorted

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White Sox manager Pedro Grifol gestures in the dugout in the seventh inning against the Giants on Monday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

7 Giants homers — 5 off Kopech
— spoil the party on South Side

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

White Sox starter Michael Kopech paced behind the mound as David Villar circled the bases after hitting the San Francisco Giants' fourth home run of the fifth inning.

Talk about spoiling a party.

The Giants hit seven homers in all and thumped the Sox 12-3 to put a damper on Monday's home opener in front of 34,784 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"The first inning, (Kopech) threw the ball really well, the velocity was high and he looked really good," Sox manager Pedro Grifol said. "They made some

adjustments on him. Whatever that was, we've got to get back to the video and see what we've got and see what we see.

"We're going to flush this one. This is one of 162. We've got to flush it, day off (Tuesday) and come ready to play on Wednesday."

The seven home runs allowed are tied for the second-most in club history, one shy of the record eight the New York Yankees hit on July 31, 2007.

Five of the homers came against Kopech and two off José Ruiz — including a grand slam by Villar in the ninth.

Kopech allowed seven runs on

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BULLS

As postseason nears, Bulls are converting turnovers efficiently

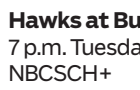
By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

When the Bulls trailed by 15 at halftime of Sunday's comeback win over the Memphis Grizzlies, coach Billy Donovan emphasized one key area of improvement: hand activity.

Donovan knows the easiest way to get his team back into any game is to force the opponent into errors. This is where the Bulls have thrived all season — picking off lazy passes, punching away loose balls, outsprinting opponents from one rim to the other.

The Bulls forced 16 turnovers in the second half, and the rest followed in stride as they completed a 44-point swing for a 128-107 win over the second-place team in the Western Conference. They scored 31 points off turnovers — an evergreen theme for a Bulls team that has tallied 144

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points off turnovers in the last five games.

They'll look to keep up the defensive intensity Tuesday night with a postseason berth at stake. The Bulls will clinch no worse than 10th place in the Eastern Conference — and a spot in the play-in tournament — with either a victory over the Atlanta Hawks at the United Center or an Orlando Magic loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

This Bulls team was structured with a defense-first mentality, and that was bolstered by the addition of defensive specialist Patrick Beverley after the All-Star break. The Bulls are eighth in the league with 7.8 steals per game

on the season, and that number has leaped to 8.4 — second in the league — since the break.

"That's how you get easy baskets," guard Coby White said. "Get the stop, get the push, get the steal, get out in transition."

The Bulls have become even more defensively disruptive since adding Beverley in February, but this isn't a statistic led by one person — every player in the rotation is getting in on the action.

Alex Caruso led the team with three steals in Sunday's win, and six other players recorded at least one steal. Nine players tallied a steal Friday in Charlotte and seven did it Wednesday against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"You've got to get stops first," guard Zach LaVine said. "When you've got guys like Pat (Beverley) and AC (Caruso) flying around

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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP UCONN VS. SDSU

Battling for the top

Connecticut forward Adama Sanogo and San Diego State forward Nathan Mensah fight for the opening tip of the men's national championship game Monday in Houston. For Monday's late result and coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports



THE LATE SHOW
Monday night's championship game ended too late for this edition. For complete coverage, go to our website or e-edition for a 2-page game recap.

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Bulls center Andre Drummond heads to the bench during a timeout against the Cavaliers on Dec. 31 at the United Center. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BULLS

Lower his guard

Drummond advocates for vulnerability in conversations about mental health

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

For Bulls center Andre Drummond, returning to the court alongside his teammates this weekend came as a relief. Drummond stepped away from the team for one game — Wednesday’s loss to the Lakers — after sharing on Twitter and Instagram that he was deleting all social media apps and changing his phone number. “Time to focus on my mental health,” Drummond wrote. “If you too are struggling with your mental health, you are not alone. It’s okay to ask for help.” Even without knowing the full details of what he was facing, Drummond’s teammates and coaches were quick to show support when he returned to the team for last week’s trip to Charlotte, N.C. “Everybody was there for me,” Drummond said after Sunday’s win over the Grizzlies at the United Center. “Nobody really knew what was going on. I was going through a lot mentally and I had to take some time to really clear my mind and address some things that I’ve been neglecting for a while.” Drummond’s social media posts were met immediately with concern and support — more than 12,600 likes and 550 responses on Twitter and more than 41,000 likes and 1,000 comments on Instagram.

But as promised, Drummond already had deleted all social media and didn’t see the outpouring from the basketball community. “I didn’t even know what was going on until people started telling me,” he said. “I wasn’t doing it to get that kind of reaction. It was more so just the closing of a chapter for my mental just to really escape that and really tackle some things that I needed to take care of.” After friends and teammates showed him the reactions of fans and fellow players, Drummond embraced the opportunity provided by his platform. He acknowledged that many fans overlook the mental health challenges that athletes face, which can make it harder for athletes to seek help. “We’re looked at as superheroes, like nothing really bothers us and that we don’t have a life outside of the game,” Drummond said. “People need to understand that we do have personal lives outside of the game of basketball and it becomes taxing at times. That superhero cape we have on has to come off at some point in time. It’s OK to ask for help. It’s OK to feel. It’s OK to be emotional. We’re all men, but we have to be OK with having feelings.” Players throughout the NBA have been slowly opening larger conversations about the importance of mental health advocacy. Bulls star DeMar DeRozan was

one of the first players to address the topic in a 2018 interview about his depression. Other NBA stars such as Kevin Love have since shared experiences, paving the way for improved awareness around the league. Drummond believes this shifting environment around mental health in men’s sports is integral to changing societal perceptions of how men experience depression, anxiety and other challenges. “As a man, we’re known to be the masculine one,” Drummond said. “Nothing bothers us. We have to be the protector, the provider and the one that does everything. Over the past couple of years, guys have been coming out and expressing it’s OK to shed light on mental traumas and things that we go through. It’s OK to share with other people, that other people have the same type of journey that we’re going down too. It’s OK to bring them along, to let everybody know they’re not alone.” Drummond made it clear that the process he began last week will continue through the season and beyond. But for now, the center is back on the court — and plans to remain there for the rest of the season as the Bulls chase a spot in the play-in tournament. “I feel OK,” Drummond said. “I’ve obviously still got a lot of work to do with my mental, but I have a job to do and that’s to win basketball games and to get to the playoffs. So if I’m back, I’m ready to play. All this stuff personally, I can take care of when the time comes. I still have a job to do.”

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there, it allows me and DeMar (DeRozan) to play in the passing lanes a little bit more.” There are two components to this — forcing a turnover, then scoring on it. While the Bulls are fourth in the league since the break with 15.8 opponent turnovers per game, they’re scoring the most points off turnovers (21.7 per game). They aren’t forcing the most mistakes, but they are the most efficient after they’ve taken the ball away. This makes sense with even a cursory look at the Bulls personnel. LaVine provides one of the most explosive presences in the league on the run, and he’s flanked by a litany of springy guards and forwards, including White, Ayo Dosunmu and fellow former dunk champion Derrick Jones Jr. Even frontcourt players such as Patrick Williams and Andre Drummond embrace the chance to run the court and dunk in transition. The transition offense has seen a marked improvement over the last six weeks as the Bulls continue to learn how to run together more



Bulls guard Coby White goes up for a shot against the Grizzlies on Sunday at the United Center. **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

effectively. “We’re doing a better job of spacing the floor,” Donovan said. “Before there were times where we’d get these steals and we’d run just to the basket. You’ve got to understand giving each other space to breathe a little bit to play. Guys are doing a good job of getting out wide and knowing, ‘OK, I need to run to the 3-point line because I don’t have an advantage.’” This ability to force even the best teams into errors will be a key in the final four games of the season and in the postseason, when disrupting rhythm can

decide the course of a game. The Bulls are aware of their talent at knocking opponents off balance, but their efficiency in the open court will be even more crucial once they enter the single-elimination play-in tournament. After Sunday’s turnaround win fueled by turnovers, LaVine feels the Bulls know the formula for capitalizing on those errors. “A lot of it is just making quick decisions,” LaVine said. “Throw the ball up and then read from there. If the defender’s there for you, kick it back. And if not, take the layup. Don’t make it complicated.”



Cubs center fielder Christopher Morel jokes around in the dugout during a game on July 26 at Wrigley Field. **ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

CUBS

Clubhouse missing Morel’s exuberance

Utility player was sent to Iowa to get extended playing time in lineup

By Paul Sullivan
Chicago Tribune

Christopher Morel brought something to the Cubs last year that couldn’t be measured with numbers. From a bat-flipping celebration after homering in his first at-bat to hugging opposing players and fist-bumping umpires, Morel’s exuberance was impossible to ignore. “He’s such a positive guy, and I do think with any team, bringing up guys like that really energizes the group,” Cubs President Jed Hoyer said last May. The Cubs gave Morel playing time in center field and at second base, shortstop and third base — his preferred position — after calling him up from Double-A Tennessee. The super-utility role suited him, and he quickly became a fan favorite. But with Cody Bellinger signed to play center, Nico Hoerner moving over to second and Morel having a difficult time defensively at third in an extended audition last September, the Cubs decided to send him to Triple-A Iowa to start the season instead of playing him sporadically off the bench. Morel hit four home runs in spring training, but the free-swinging prospect needs to cut down his strikeouts. “He’s a fun guy to have around, and what’s best for us and him long term is consistent at-bats,” manager David Ross said. “I thought we might be doing him a disservice by bringing him off the bench at times. “He’s got some areas he’s got to improve. And he really put himself on the map last year doing that. But that’s a representation of the

depth we have. ... He’ll get off to a great start down in Triple-A and be somebody that we’ll be able to call on real soon if something were to come up.” Ross said the crowded outfield situation at Iowa means Morel likely will spend more time in the infield. Right fielder Seiya Suzuki’s expected return from the injured list in the next week or so also factored into the Cubs’ decision to go with other options in right for the short term. Miles Mastrobuoni, Trey Mancini and Patrick Wisdom started the first three games in right at Wrigley Field. Mastrobuoni’s lack of aggression after replacing Mancini cost the Cubs in Saturday’s 3-1 loss to the Milwaukee Brewers when he declined to dive for a ball that fell in front of him for a two-run double. Wisdom threw out a runner at second and hit a pair of solo home runs in Sunday’s 9-5 loss to the Brewers. Morel homered and was 4-for-12 in his first three games with Iowa, which began its season 3-0. He still is the same player and hasn’t let the demotion affect his personality. Hoerner was sent down to Iowa to start the 2021 season, a move the Cubs eventually regretted. Hoyer said the Cubs “don’t see (Morel) as a bench player,” so the decision wasn’t that difficult. “The coaching staff really felt strongly that he was a really good player who we really wanted playing a lot,” Hoyer said, “and having him as a bench option isn’t the right thing for his career and probably not the right thing for the length of the season.” How long Morel will remain at Iowa remains to be seen. But the Cubs already miss his energy and exuberance. In a laid-back clubhouse that brought in several veterans, no one seems ready to pick up the torch.

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The Reds’ Jason Vosler hits a three-run home run against the Cubs in the fifth inning Monday in Cincinnati. Drew Smyly allowed seven runs (six earned) in 4⅓ innings and squandered two multirun leads. Cody Bellinger hit a three-run homer and Dansby Swanson had three hits. The Cubs fell to 1-3. For coverage, go to **chicagotribune.com/sports**. **JEFF DEAN/AP**

WHITE SOX

Hendriks starts final round of chemotherapy

By LaMond Pope | Chicago Tribune

The loudest ovation at Guaranteed Rate Field came before Monday's home opener when a recorded message from Liam Hendriks appeared on the video board.

The White Sox closer announced in a video to fans that he's beginning his last round of chemotherapy.

Hendriks announced in January he had been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Monday's video appeared on

the board before the first pitch and later was posted on the team's Twitter page.

"Happy opening day, Sox fans," Hendriks said. "Just want to let you know I'm starting my last round of chemo today, so see you guys on the South Side soon."

Thursday in Houston, general manager Rick Hahn said: "While we don't currently have a specific timeline available to share with you on (Hendriks') potential return, those of you that pay close attention to our roster will notice that we have not placed

him on the 60-day (injured list), and that is on purpose. Hopefully at some point in April, toward the end of April, I'll be able to get a little bit more specific for a potential timeline for his return. But know that right now he's making progress."

Hahn reiterated that point before Monday's game while discussing Hendriks and reliever Garrett Crochet, who is coming back from Tommy John surgery.

"Both are progressing and both are not on the 60-day IL for a reason," Hahn said.

"So we are not quite there to give you a time frame, but we are headed the right way and currently have a very real chance of having them both back prior to 60 days into the year."

Sox starter Michael Kopech said Hendriks shared the update with some people during spring training.

"We were excited for him to get back whenever he can," Kopech said. "Ultimately we are ready for him to be a part of the team again. We are glad things are clearing up for him."



White Sox manager Pedro Grifol, right, takes out starting pitcher Michael Kopech after Kopech allowed four runs in the fifth inning Monday at Guaranteed Rate Field. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

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eight hits with five strikeouts and three walks in 4½ innings.

"For a starter sample size, it's tough to take a hit like that, especially the home opener when that feels pretty important to the fans," Kopech said. "But we are going to put it behind us and just keep working."

The five homers allowed are a career high for Kopech and matched the most by a Sox pitcher in a game, most recently by Reynaldo López against the Toronto Blue Jays on July 27, 2018. That's also the last time a Sox pitcher allowed four homers in one inning.

"The fact they were on everything, they saw something," Kopech said. "Whether it was a tip or just me presenting pitches differently, they put good swings on it and it showed."

Kopech had a nice rhythm in a scoreless first inning that included two strikeouts. He went to a full count to Joc Pederson to begin the second and allowed a homer on a 96.8 mph fastball, according to MLB Statcast.

"Pederson had a good at-bat," Kopech said. "I can't leave that pitch there."

Pederson would have had a second homer, but Luis Robert Jr. jumped at the wall and robbed him in the third.

Kopech got ahead of Michael Conforto 0-2 with one out in the fifth, but the right fielder lined the next pitch — a 93.5 mph fastball — over the wall in right-center to give the Giants a 4-0 lead. Two pitches later, Thairo Estrada hit a slider to left for a home run.

The Giants again hit back-to-back homers later in the inning with Mike Yastrzemski homering on an 0-1 curveball and Villar on a 2-2 fastball.

Kopech exited after walking the next batter to wrap up his first start of the season. The right-hander said a positive was his changeup is "better than it has ever been."

"I have a fourth pitch that I'm comfortable throwing," Kopech said. "Unfortunately the three I've always been comfortable throwing got hit pretty hard."

Grifol said Kopech was coming off a "good" spring training.

"Everything was trending in the right direction," Grifol said. "A loss is tough, they made the adjustments on him today. We've got to get back to the drawing board, that's it. He'll start again in five days."

That's the mindset Kopech is taking.

"We have a structured five-day routine as starters, and fortunately that's the time to focus on our work and get ready for the next start, put this one behind me," Kopech said. "Obviously from this one there's some stuff I need to work on before the next one."

"For the most part, that's not pitch-wise, that's more of a presentation of the pitches. That can be worked on in the bullpen and



The Giants' Joc Pederson celebrates with Mike Yastrzemski after Pederson hit a homer in the second inning.



Luis Robert Jr. celebrates in the dugout after hitting a solo home run.

just move forward and move on."

That applies to the Sox in general.

"Opening day is an important day for everyone, for us to come out and put (on) a good showing, but it didn't happen that way," Grifol said. "It's one game out of 162. I'll say it over and over again, whether we

win or lose, we've got to flush this game and get back to playing baseball on Wednesday.

"And that's just basically how you navigate a major-league season. You can't think about when you're up (or) when you're down too much. You've got to have a short-term memory."

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to using infielder Hanser Alberto on the mound to finish the ninth.

"It's tough to take a hit like that, especially the home opener, one that feels pretty important to the fans," Kopech said. "But we're going to put it behind us and keep working."

"For the most part, the team is in a good spot. Guys have been swinging it well. With the exception of today, the starters were going well, the bullpen has been great. I don't think anybody is too put off by this except for me, and I'll get over it."

Everyone will, just like they got over the 16-0 loss to the Tigers in the debut of new Comerica Park in 1991. Home openers are fun but basically irrelevant in the long run.

Still, as home debuts go, it was one Grifol would just as soon forget.

The only fight the Sox put up was when Andrew Vaughn and Giants starter Anthony DeSclafani began jawing at each other in the second inning after Vaughn grounded out on a 3-0 pitch with a runner on second.

Grifol started his postgame news conference lauding the efforts of relievers Jake Diekman and Jimmy Lambert and center fielder Luis Robert Jr., who homered and robbed Joc Pederson of a home run.

"Other than that, everybody saw what happened," Grifol said.

They did. And everybody heard the reaction.

Grifol said the Sox would have to "flush" the loss. If there was any confusion, he repeated the metaphor four more times. Consider it flushed.

Asked beforehand how he would feel as he walked out for introductions before his first home game, Grifol said he wasn't sure.

"I know with full transparency, in Houston I was kind of in a fog," he said of Thursday's opening night. "I look over there and see Dusty Baker right there, and he's got thousands of games managed under his belt. And you've got a full stadium."

"I've been in that environment before, been there for the playoffs, but never been in that environment as a big-league manager. I'm not going to sit here and say, 'I was cool. I was good.' I was in a little bit of a fog, and that's normal. But the fog only lasts a little bit, and then you've got to go manage a baseball game."

Better to be in a fog before the game than during it, though Grifol stuck with Kopech long enough to leave the impression he didn't have the foggiest idea his starter had nothing left. Back-to-back home runs by Michael Conforto and Thairo Estrada made it 5-0 in the fifth, but no one was warming up.

Another home run by Mike Yastrzemski one out later sent pitching coach Ethan Katz to the mound and finally got Diekman up in the pen. But Diekman was barely loose by the time David Villar cranked the fourth home run of the inning off Kopech.

Grifol said later it was "really important to get at least five (innings) out of (Kopech), preferably six." But he couldn't let the shell-ing continue. The fog lifted, and Kopech was lifted as well.

Was Kopech tipping his pitches? He didn't discount the possibility. Grifol said they would look into it.

"We're not going to leave any stone unturned," he said, adding that watching video of pitchers to spot such things is "part of our checklist."

Better check to see if Jose Ruiz was tipping too. Villar added a grand slam off Ruiz in the ninth, and Grifol was forced to lift his mop-up man after Blake Sabol hit the Giants' second home run of the inning — and seventh of the game.

That Alberto's home debut with the Sox came on the mound instead of in the infield shows what a crazy game baseball can be.

For Kopech, the disappointment was multifold. It was his first start and the first chance for the Sox to make amends to fans for last year's debacle.

"Yeah, not necessarily that it was the opener, but this was a tough way to start the season," Kopech said. "With the way the team started in Houston, the fans look at that and have some excitement. On a personal level, for this to be my first start, it's a tough one to swallow."

A split of the four-game series in Houston and a 2.04 ERA from the top four starters had everyone in an optimistic mood Monday. But it's too early in the season to make any rash assumptions, good or bad, about the 2023 Sox.

"I was talking to someone earlier today and we were talking about the Bears season," general manager Rick Hahn said before the game. "This is like drawing conclusions of the second quarter of their first game, which we'll all do. But we'll all be wrong."

Of course, it was pouring during that second quarter of the first Bears game, and they trailed the San Francisco 49ers 7-0 at halftime. Even though the Bears wound up winning, fans still concluded the team would be awful. And they were all right, contrary to what Hahn said about drawing early conclusions.

The Sox are not the 2022 Bears. But are they markedly better than the 2022 Sox?

That's the question Grifol's team must answer.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

LSU's Reese unapologetic about gestures toward Clark

By Schuyler Dixon | Associated Press

DALLAS — LSU's Angel Reese waved her hand in front of her face while staring down Caitlin Clark, then pointed toward her finger as if to say a ring was coming while walking toward the Iowa star.

The gestures late in the Tigers' 102-85 victory in the NCAA championship game Sunday lit up social media, with comments supporting the "Bayou Barbie" for trash talk that's just part of the game and condemning her for lacking grace in victory.

The bubbly junior from Baltimore, who transferred from Maryland to join flamboyant LSU coach Kim Mulkey, was unapologetic in the postgame news conference.

"All year, I was critiqued about who I was," Reese said. "I don't fit in a box that y'all want me to be in. I'm too 'hood. I'm too ghetto. But when other people do it, y'all say nothing. So this was for the girls that look like me, that's going to speak up on what they believe in. It's unapologetically you."

Clark, the scoring sensation who was the first with consecutive 40-point games in an NCAA Tournament, made the face-waving gesture to no one in particular during an Elite Eight victory over Louisville.

Associated Press Player of the Year wasn't shy about showing her emotions when the Hawkeyes knocked off undefeated defending national champion South

Carolina in the semifinals.

If she saw Reese's gestures, Clark didn't seem concerned about them.

"I was just trying to get to the handshake line and shake hands and be grateful that my team was in that position," said Clark, who scored 30 points. "That's all you can do is hold your head high, be proud of what you did. All the credit in the world to LSU. They were tremendous."

In a 79-72 semifinal victory over Virginia Tech, Reese made what appeared to be a "you're too small" gesture several times after scoring around the basket.

The fashionable 6-foot-3 post with modeling aspirations is becoming a social media magnet. Reese wooed Lil Wayne after chastising the rapper from New Orleans for reaching out to Elite Eight opponent Miami before doing the same with the Tigers.

"I'm going to be me, but I can't do it without the girls here and I can't do it without the rest of my teammates and coaches," said Reese, who had 15 points and 10 rebounds while three teammates scored at least 20 points.

She was named the Most Outstanding Player at the Final Four after setting an NCAA single-season record with her 34th double-double against the Hawkeyes.

"Twitter can say what Twitter can say," Reese said. "I love reading those comments. I have all the screenshots of what everybody has said about me all season. What are you going to say now?"



LSU's Angel Reese gestures to Iowa's Caitlin Clark during the second half Sunday in Dallas.. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY



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Jim Nantz waves to the crowd at the Final Four on Saturday. Nantz, 63, was set to call his final NCAA Tournament game Monday. BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

NCAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Storyteller Nantz bids fond farewell to March Madness

By Eddie Pells | Associated Press

HOUSTON — Certainly, Jim Nantz could fill an evening weaving tales of the great games and buzzer-beaters he's had the privilege to see, and call, over a storytelling career that made his the voice of March Madness for nearly four decades.

But when asked about his favorite moments as he prepared for the 354th and final game of that journey — Monday's title game — he brought up Delaware State.

The Hornets were a 16 seed when they made what is still their only NCAA appearance back in 2005. They were going against Duke in a first-round game hardly anyone remembers now. Nantz was certain he'd see those Duke players again.

"But those Delaware State kids, they're on CBS, and I envisioned that someday, they're going to have the VHS tape to be able to show their grandchildren and say 'I played in the NCAA Tournament,'" Nantz said during a courside conversation with The Associated Press the day before the start of his last Final Four.

"This tournament is their 'forever.'"

"I always wanted to make sure that I do justice to their story."

The 63-year-old traces his own path to the announcer's table to when he was 9 and living in New Orleans.

His dad took him to his first college basketball game.

Working the sideline was a bear of a coach who had a red, polka-dotted towel draped across his shoulder. About 10 years later, that coach, Guy Lewis of the Houston Cougars, would give Nantz, who played golf at the school, a job as the public-address guy for home games at Hofheinz Pavillion. A year after that, Nantz was still living in the dorms at UH when Lewis asked him to host his coach's show.

Nantz's might very well be the voice American sports fans know best. He has guided them through six Super Bowls on CBS and walked with them among the towering pines at the Masters since 1986, when Jack Nicklaus won his sixth green jacket. He'll continue on those assignments for the foreseeable future, but this 37th run through March Madness will be his last.

Some said it might have been perfect if his alma mater, which came into the tournament as a No. 1 seed, was playing in its hometown in the final game of Nantz's basketball journey. That didn't happen, but Nantz believes there's something fitting about a Final Four that came out of the blue like this, with three schools that had never been this far before, and no team seeded better than

No. 4 UConn.

He has always loved the underdog tales. "Storytelling paradise," Nantz called it.

It's been wild, emotional and a little awkward for a man who concedes he likes to tell the stories, not be part of them.

He got a key to the city Friday. Two streets on an intersection outside the stadium were renamed "Jim Nantz Way" and "Hello Friends Boulevard."

"Hello Friends" is the comfy-as-a-slipper welcome he coined about 20 years ago. It gives Nantz a moment to connect with the audience and think of his dad, who passed away in 2008 after a long bout with Alzheimer's. The Nantz National Alzheimer's Center is based in Houston.

Nantz's welcome-in message to the telecasts might be planned. Other things aren't.

His call of Saturday's buzzer-beating shot by San Diego State's Lamont Butler in the semifinals — Nantz estimates he's had 20-something such last-second winners over his years in the tournament — plays back like a master class in what his job should be: simple, urgent, much more about the moment than the person talking about it.

"It's Butler. With two seconds. He's gotta put it up. Aaand. He wins it! He wins it! With the jumper!" Then, five seconds of silence, followed by, "A San Diego State miracle!"

Speaking of miracles, there's another announcer who made a name for himself by talking about one. Shortly after this interview was over and Nantz had started talking to some well-wishers, he lifted up his phone and smiled as he showed it to a few folks standing nearby: Al Michaels was calling.

Though many might consider Nantz and the 78-year-old Michaels as contemporaries, there was a sense of the unfiltered excitement Nantz felt about receiving that call. And it gave a glimpse as to why, even after all this time, he has such a strong bond with the millions of people who tune in. In some ways, he's just like us.

Moments earlier, Nantz had recalled hosting the Final Four studio show from the Kingdome in Seattle in 1989 when Magic Johnson popped by for a visit on the set. As Magic and Nantz, both 30 at the time, sat in the corner of the arena, watching the final seconds of the Michigan-Seton Hall title game tick down, the announcer asked Johnson if he ever stopped to soak in everything and reflect on the wonder of all he'd been part of.

"He nods and just says, 'All the time,'" Nantz said. "And today, I think about that. I've had the best seat in the house at the Super Bowl or the Masters or here for my whole career. And I've never gotten over the fact that I'm the one who's blessed with the chance to lend a voice to it, and to tell the story."

Former Indiana coach Knight returns home from hospital

By Michael Marot | Associated Press

Former Indiana men's basketball coach Bob Knight was released from a hospital in Bloomington, Indiana, and returned home after being admitted with an illness over the weekend, his son said Monday.

"On behalf of the Knight Family, we thank you for your thoughts and prayers. As many have heard, my dad was hospitalized over the weekend with an illness and has since been released from the hospital," according to a statement from Pat Knight posted online. "We ask for your privacy as he is cared for and resting at home in good hands."

An email from the university about Knight's health was sent Friday to former Indiana basketball players asking for prayers and saying the former Hoosiers coach hoped to return home soon after being hospitalized with an undisclosed illness.

The university did not have an update on Knight's condition Monday.

The 82-year-old Knight won three national championships, 11 Big Ten titles and 662 games at Indiana before being fired in September 2000 after he allegedly grabbed

a student by the arm in a hallway. The incident violated a zero-tolerance policy the university instituted after an investigation into accusations of physical and verbal abuse made by former player Neil Reed, who died of a heart attack in 2012.

Texas Tech hired Knight in 2001, and he stayed there until retiring in 2008 with a then-Division I record 902 career wins.

Pat Knight succeeded his father at Texas Tech and Bob Knight moved back to Bloomington in 2019. After vowing never to return to an Indiana University event, he relented on that promise by attending the Hoosiers' game against Purdue in February 2020, joined by dozens of his former players and former Purdue coach Gene Keady.

Knight has been in poor health for several years but attended some Hoosiers practices this season, which were led by current coach and former Knight pupil Mike Woodson.

"Coach always taught us, and those that played for him, the importance of fighting through adversity and he and our family thank you for the tremendous amount of support you have shown and given during this time," Pat Knight wrote. "We appreciate your continued thoughts and prayers."

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	4	0	1.000	—	—	4-0	W-4	3-0	1-0
New York	3	1	.750	1	+½	3-1	W-2	3-1	0-0
Baltimore	2	2	.500	2	½	2-2	W-1	0-0	2-2
Boston	2	2	.500	2	½	2-2	L-1	2-2	0-0
Toronto	1	3	.250	3	1½	1-3	L-3	0-0	1-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	4	0	1.000	—	—	4-0	W-4	0-0	4-0
Cleveland	3	1	.750	1	+½	3-1	W-3	0-0	3-1
Chicago	2	3	.400	2½	1	2-3	L-1	0-1	2-2
Kansas City	1	3	.250	3	1½	1-3	W-1	1-3	0-0
Detroit	0	3	.000	3½	2	0-3	L-3	0-0	0-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Texas	3	1	.750	—	—	3-1	L-1	3-1	0-0
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	½	—	2-1	W-2	0-0	2-1
Houston	2	2	.500	1	½	2-2	L-1	2-2	0-0
Oakland	1	2	.333	1½	1	1-2	L-2	1-2	0-0
Seattle	1	3	.250	2	1½	1-3	L-3	1-3	0-0

BOX SCORES

MILWAUKEE 10, N.Y. METS 0

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	2	0	0	0	1	.167
Marte rf	4	0	0	0	1	.278
Lindor ss	1	0	0	0	1	.143
Escobar 3b-2b	0	0	0	0	0	.063
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.167
McNeil 2b-ss	4	0	0	1	1	.133
Canha lf-3b	4	0	0	0	2	.190
Vogelbach dh	3	0	1	0	1	.225
Locastro lf	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Narvaez c	3	0	0	0	1	.300
Guillorme 3b-ss-9	0	2	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	29	0	3	0	9	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	4	1	0	0	4	.200
Winker dh	3	1	1	1	0	.364
Adames ss	5	1	1	1	1	.1200
Tellez 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.133
Contreras c	5	0	1	0	0	.231
Mitchell cf	4	2	1	0	0	.214
Anderson ph-3b	3	2	2	3	0	.455
a-Miller ph-3b	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Wiener 2b	3	2	2	4	0	.500
Turner rf	3	0	1	0	0	.300
TOTALS	34	10	10	10	6	

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a-walked for Anderson in the 7th. **LOB:** New York 9, Milwaukee 8. **HR:** Anderson (1), off Carrasco; Turang (1), off Hunter. **RBIs:** Winker (5), Anderson 3 (4), Adames (3), Contreras (3), Turang 4 (5). **SB:** Turang (2), Yelich (1).

Runners left in scoring position: New York 5 (McNeil 2, Alonso 2, Guillorme); Milwaukee 1 (Winker). **RISP:** New York 0 for 5; Milwaukee 4for 9. **Runners moved up:** Alonso, Contreras.

NY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Carrasco, L, 0-1	4	5	5	4	4	11	25
Hunter	2	5	5	5	2	11	25
Santana	1	0	0	0	2	1	0.00
Guillorme	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Peralta, W, 1-0	6	2	0	0	3	7	0.00
Wilson, S, 1-1	3	1	0	0	3	2	0.00

Pitches-Strikes: Carrasco 96-53; Hunter 44-26; Santana 28-16; Guillorme 12-6; Peralta 85-51; Wilson 49-26.

Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Carrasco 6-2; Hunter 7-3; Santana 0-2; Guillorme 0-2; Peralta 6-3; Wilson 2-2.

Batters Faced: Carrasco 20; Hunter 13; Santana 5; Guillorme 4; Peralta 22; Wilson 14. **Inherited runners-scored:** Hunter 2-2. **HBP:** Wilson (Locastro). **Umpires:** Home, Alan Porter; First, Jim Wolf; Second, Mike Muchlinski; Third, Sean Barber. **Time:** 2:37. **A:** 42,017(41,700).

N.Y. YANKEES 8, PHILADELPHIA 1

Philadelphia AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Turner ss	5	0	2	0	1 .389
Schwarber lf	4	0	0	0	2 .059
Realuto c	4	0	1	0	0 .333
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	2 .467
Bohm dh	4	1	3	0	0 .467
Hall 1b	4	0	1	0	0 .250
Sosa 3b	4	0	1	1	1 .375
Stott 2b	4	0	1	0	0 .400
Marsh cf	4	0	2	0	1 .364
TOTALS	37	1	11	1	7

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 3b	5	2	2	0	0	.308
Judge cf	4	1	1	0	2	.412
1-Kiner-Falefa cfo	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Rizzo 1b	4	1	1	2	0	.333
Stanton dh	4	1	0	1	2	.188
Torres 2b	2	2	2	2	0	.333
F.Cordero rf	5	1	1	2	1	.200
Cabrera rf	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Hicks lf	3	0	0	0	1	.000
Trevino c	4	0	2	1	0	.000
Volpe ss	2	0	0	0	1	.182
TOTALS	33	8	9	8	7	

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1-ran for Judge in the 8th. **LOB:** Philadelphia 9, New York 10. **2B:** Bohm (2), Marsh (2), F.Cordero (1), 3B: LeMahieu (1), **HR:** Torres (2), off Walker; Rizzo (1), off Marte. **RBIs:** Sosa (1), Stanton (4), Torres 2(4), Rizzo 2(4), F.Cordero 2(2), Trevino (1). **SB:** Torres (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 3 (Sosa, Stott, Realmuto); New York 6 (F.Cordero, Trevino 2, LeMahieu 3). **RISP:** Philadelphia 2for 10; New York 4for 13. **Runners moved up:** Hall 2, Stanton.

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Walker, L, 0-1	4½	4	4	4	3	5	8.31
Marte	½	3	4	4	3	1	54.00
Vasquez	2½	1	0	0	2	0	0.00
Dominguez	1	1	0	0	1	1	36.00

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cortes, W, 1-0	5	7	1	1	0	3	1.80
Hamilton	1½	3	0	0	0	2	0.00
Loaisiga	1½	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Holmes	1	1	0	0	0	2	10.80

Pitches-Strikes: Walker 87-50; Marte 31-15; Vasquez 30-18; Dominguez 19-10; Cortes 80-55; Hamilton 36-26; Loaisiga 10-8; Holmes 14-11.

Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Walker 9-2; Marte 0-1; Vasquez 4-4; Dominguez 2-0; Cortes 4-3; Hamilton 3-0; Loaisiga 3-1; Holmes 2-0. **Inherited runners-scored:** Marte 1-1, Vasquez 2-0, Loaisiga 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Paul Emmel; First, Chad Fairchild; Second, Nic Lentz; Third, Jeremie Rehak. **Time:** 2:41. **A:** 37,202(47,309).

ON THIS DATE

APRIL 4 1974: The Cincinnati Reds defeated the Atlanta Braves 7-6 in 11 innings before a crowd of 52,000 at Riverfront Stadium. In his first at-bat, Hank Aaron hit a three-run homer off Jack Billingham. It was his 714th, tying Babe Ruth's career record. The Braves had considered keeping Aaron on the bench for the season-opening series in Cincinnati so that he could attempt to tie the record four days later in Atlanta. But Commissioner Bowie Kuhn ordered the Braves to put Aaron into the lineup for at least two of the three games.

1988: George Bell became the first player to hit three home runs on opening day, leading the Toronto Blue Jays past the Royals 5-3. Bell, bitter throughout spring training with his move to designated hitter, homered three times in that role off Bret Saberhagen.

1993: At Camden Yards, Bill Clinton becomes the first U.S. President to

SAN FRAN. 12, CHI. WHITE SOX 3

San FranciscoAB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Wade Jr. 1b	6	0	2	0	2	.214
Conforto rf	6	1	2	1	3	.167
Estrada 2b	4	2	2	1	1	.375
1-Davis pr-3b	1	1	0	0	0	.167
Pederson dh	3	1	1	1	0	.214
a-Flores ph-dh	1	1	1	0	0	.250
Yastrzemski cf-1f	3	2	2	2	0	.357
Villar 3b-2b	4	2	2	5	1	.286
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	0	.200
Sabol lf	3	0	0	0	1	.100
Johnson cf	1	1	1	1	0	.500
Perez c	4	0	1	1	1	.200
TOTALS	40	12	14	12	9	

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	4	0	0	0	1	.318
Robert Jr. cf	4	1	1	1	1	.261
Benintendi lf	3	1	1	1	1	.238
Jimenez dh	2	1	1	0	0	.211
Alberto p	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Moncada 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.400
b-Sheets ph	1	0	0	0	0	.029
Vaughn 1b	4	0	1	1	0	.267
Grandal c	3	0	0	1	0	.333
Colas rf	3	0	0	0	1	.294
Andrus 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.105
TOTALS	31	3	5	3	5	

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a-walked for Pederson in the 7th. b-grounded out for Moncada in the 9th. 1-ran for Estrada in the 9th.

LOB: San Francisco 9, Chicago 3. **2B:** Yastrzmski (3), Moncada (4), Vaughn (3). **HR:** Pederson (2), off Kopecch; Conforto (1), off Kopecch; Estrada (1), off Kopecch; Yastrzmski (1), off Kopecch; Villar (1), off Kopecch; Villar (2), off Ruiz; Johnson (1), off Ruiz; Robert Jr. (2), off Manaea. **RBIs:** Pederson (2), Perez (1), Yastrzmski 2 (3), Conforto (1), Estrada (2), Villar 5 (5), Johnson (1), Vaughn (4), Grandal (2), Robert Jr. (2). **SB:** Estrada (2).

Runners left in scoring position: San Francisco 3(Wade Jr., Villar, Davis); Chicago 2(Grandal, Colas). **RISP:** San Francisco 3for 6; Chicago 1for 7. **Runners moved up:** Vaughn, Grandal. **GIDP:** Yastrzmski, Moncada. **DP:** San Francisco 1(Estrada, Crawford, Wade Jr.); Chicago 1(Anderson, Vaughn).

SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
DeSclafani, W, 1-0	4½	3	0	0	0	4	0.00
Manaea	2	2	3	3	2	13	50
TyRogers	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kopecch, L, 0-1	4½	8	7	7	3	5	13.50
Diekman	2	0	0	0	2	3	3.86
Lambert	½	1	0	1	0	0	0.00
Ruiz	½	3	5	5	2	31	50
Alberto	½	2	0	0	0	1	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Diekman 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, James Hoyer; First, Angel Hernandez; Second, D.J. Reayburn; Third, John Libka. **Time:** 2:36. **A:** 34,784(40,241).

TAMPA BAY 6, WASHINGTON 2

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
B.Lowe 2b	5	0	0	0	2	.200
Franco ss	4	0	1	0	1	.533
Arozarena dh	4	1	1	0	1	.286
Raley 1b-1f	3	2	2	3	0	.300
H.Ramirez lf	4	0	0	0	0	.000
Walls 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Paredes 3b-1b	4	2	2	1	1	.308
J.Lowe rf	4	1	2	0	0	.500
Margot cf	3	0	1	1	0	.125
Mejia c	3	0	0	1	0	.143
TOTALS	34	6	9	6	5	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.071
Meneses dh	4	0	0	0	2	.176
Candelario 3b	4	2	1	1	2	.143
Smith 1b	4	0	2	0	0	.357
Ruiz c	3	0	0	0	2	.308
Thomas rf	4	0	0	1	2	.313
Abrams ss	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Vargas lf	3	0	1	0	0	.143
Robles cf	3	0	0	0	0	.200
TOTALS	32	2	4	2	8	

Tampa Bay	210	100	011	6	9	1
Washington	000	000	101	2	4	2

E: B.Lowe (1), Williams (1), Banda (1). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 4, Washington 5. **HR:** Raley (1), off Williams; Paredes (1), off Williams; Raley (2), off M.Thompson; Candelario (1), off Faucher. **RBIs:** Raley (4), Mejia (2), Paredes (2), Margot (1), Thomas (1), Candelario (1). **SB:** Franco (2). **SP:** Mejia, Margot. **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 3(Raley, B.Lowe 2); Washington 2 (Vargas, Garcia). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 0for 5; Washington 0for 4. **Runners moved up:** Robles, Ruiz.

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rasmussen, W, 1-06	2	0	0	0	0	7	0.00
Cleavinger	½	1	1	0	1	0	0.00
Adam, H, 2	½	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Faucher	2	1	1	0	1	3	0.00

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williams, L, 0-1	5	6	4	3	1	3	5.40
M.Thompson	3	1	1	1	0	1	1.80
Banda	1	2	1	1	0	1	4.50

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Boston	54	24	.692	—
x-Philadelphia	51	27	.654	3
x-New York	46	33	.582	8½
Brooklyn	43	35	.551	11
Toronto	39	39	.500	15
SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Miami	41	37	.526	—
Atlanta	39	39	.500	2
Washington	34	44	.436	7
Orlando	34	44	.436	7
Charlotte	26	53	.329	15½
CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
y-Milwaukee	56	22	.718	—
x-Cleveland	49	30	.620	7½
Chicago	38	40	.487	18
Indiana	34	45	.430	22½
Detroit	16	62	.205	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Memphis	49	29	.628	—
New Orleans	40	38	.513	9
Dallas	37	42	.468	12½
San Antonio	20	58	.256	29
Houston	19	60	.241	30½
NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
y-Denver	52	26	.667	—
Minnesota	39	40	.494	13½
Oklahoma City	38	41	.481	14½
Utah	36	42	.462	16
Portland	33	45	.423	19

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Sacramento	47	31	.603	—
Phoenix	43	35	.551	4
L.A. Clippers	41	38	.519	6½
Golden State	41	38	.519	6½
L.A. Lakers	40	38	.513	7
x-clinched playoff spot				
y-clinched division				

MONDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Cleveland at Orlando, 6p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 6p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 6p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 6p.m.
Minnesota at Brooklyn, 6:30p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 7p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7p.m.
Sacramento at New Orleans, 7p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8p.m.
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 9p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Brooklyn at Detroit, 6p.m.
New York at Indiana, 6p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 6:30p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 6:30p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 7p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 7:30p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 128, Charlotte 108
Chicago 128, Memphis 107
Portland 107, Minnesota 105
Brooklyn 111, Utah 110
New York 118, Washington 109
San Antonio 142, Sacramento 134, OT
Atlanta 132, Dallas 130, OT
Orlando 128, Detroit 102
L.A. Lakers 138, Oklahoma City 118
Phoenix 128, Philadelphia 104
Cleveland 115, Indiana 105
Denver 112, Golden State 110

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Embiid, PHI	64	69	647	21.10
Donicc, DAL	64	706	502	20.96
Lillard, POR	58	556	510	18.66
Glgs-Alexndr, OKC	666	654	2081	31.5
Ganttkmpf, MIL	62	698	488	19.31
Tatum, BOS	72	713	521	21.85
Mitchell, CLE	67	664	311	18.79
Brown, BOS	66	667	263	17.59
Morant, MEM	59	552	367	15.61
Young, ATL	71	586	538	18.62

FIELD GOAL PCT.	FG	FGA	FG%
Kessler, UTA	298	414	.720
Claixon, BKN	398	563	.707
Gobert, MIN	350	532	.658
Capela, ATL	337	519	.649
Okongwu, ATL	302	467	.647
Allen, CLE	395	612	.645
Jokic, DEN	637	1004	.634
Zubac, LAC	309	489	.632
Sabonis, SAC	556	906	.614
Ayton, PHO	509	869	.586

3-PT FIELD GOAL PCT.	3P	3PA	3P%
Horford, BOS	139	308	.451
Lee, PHO	108	241	.448
Brogdon, BOS	126	287	.439
Harris, ORL	93	213	.437
Maxey, PHI	159	365	.436
Kispert, WAS	153	356	.430
Curry, GS	259	609	.425
Harris, BKN	134	317	.423
Hield, IND	275	655	.420
Leonard, LAC	97	232	.418
McDermott, SA	123	294	.418

FREE THROW PCT.	FT	FTA	FT%
Durant, BKN	267	286	.934
Herrro, MIA	163	175	.931
Lillard, POR	510	558	.914
Curry, GS	242	265	.913
Murphy, NO	150	165	.909
Glgs-Alexndr, OKC	654	720	.908
Bridges, BKN	144	159	.906
Bridges, PHO	156	174	.897
VanVleet, TOR	243	271	.897
Simons, POR	160	179	.894
Monk, SAC	180	202	.891
Anthony, ORL	146	164	.890
Bane, MEM	176	198	.889
Young, ATL	538	607	.886
Bogdanovic, DET	268	303	.884

ODDS

NBA FAVORITE	LINE	TUESDAY
Milwaukee	12½ (Off) at Washington	
Cleveland	4½ (Off) at Orlando	
Miami	11½ (Off) at Detroit	
Toronto	14½ (Off) at Charlotte	
at Brooklyn	1 (Off) Minnesota	
at Chicago	3½ (Off) Atlanta	
at Memphis	18 (Off) Portland	
at Philadelphia	2½ (Off) Boston	
at New Orleans	2 (Off) Sacramento	
Denver	10 (Off) at Houston	
L.A. Lakers	8 (Off) at Tah	
at Phoenix	18½ (Off) San Antonio	
at Golden State	8 (Off) Okla. City	

MLB		TUESDAY	
American League		LINEUNDERDOG	LINE
FAVORITE			
Toronto		-148at Kansas City	+126
at Texas		-142Baltimore	+120
at Houston		-275Detroit	+225
Cleveland		-205at Oakland	+172
at Seattle		-164LA Angels	+138
National League		LINEUNDERDOG	LINE
FAVORITE			
at San Diego		-142Arizona	+120
Chicago Cubs		-126at Cincinnati	+108
N.Y. Mets		-164at Milwaukee	+138
at St. Louis		-126Atlanta	+108
at LA Dodgers		-275Colorado	+225
Interleague		LINEUNDERDOG	LINE
FAVORITE			
at Miami		-162Minnesota	+136
at NY Yankees		-158Philadelphia	+134
Tampa Bay		-164at Washington	+138
at Boston		-148Pittsburgh	+126

NHL FAVORITE	LINE	TUESDAY
at Carolina	-275Ottawa +220	
at Florida	-194Buffalo +160	
Detroit	-122at Montreal +102	
at Toronto	-385Columbus +300	
at New Jersey	-160Pittsburgh +132	
Vegas	-134at Nashville +112	
at St. Louis	-142Philadelphia +118	
at Calgary	-140Chicago +135	
Seattle	-114at Vancouver +105	
Edmonton	-132at Los Angeles +110	
Colorado	-230at San Jose +188	

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
z-Boston	77	60	12	5	125	286	166			
x-Toronto	76	45	21	10	100	258	211			
x-Tampa Bay	77	45	26	6	96	267	231			
Florida	77	39	31	7	85	272	260			
Buffalo	75	37	31	7	81	270	276			
Ottawa	77	37	34	6	80	244	251			
Detroit	76	34	33	9	77	226	252			
Montreal	77	30	41	6	66	219	284			

METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Carolina	76	49	18	9	107	248	196
x-New Jersey	77	48	21	8	104	266	216
x-N.Y. Rangers	77	45	21	11	101	261	207
N.Y. Islanders	78	39	30	9	87	227	214
Pittsburgh	77	38	29	10	86	248	249
Washington	77	34	34	9	77	240	243
Philadelphia	76	29	34	13	71	207	253
Columbus	76	24	44	8	56	203	303

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Minnesota	77	44	23	10	98	232	213			
Colorado	75	45	24	6	96	252	207			
Dallas	77	42	21	14	98	267	213			
Winnipeg	77	43	31	3	89	234	215			
Nashville	76	38	30	8	84	213	225			
St. Louis	77	35	35	7	77	251	286			
Arizona	77	27	37	13	67	215	274			
Chicago	76	24	46	6	54	186	277			

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Vegas	77	48	22	7	103	257	220
x-Los Angeles	77	45	22	10	100	266	242
x-Edmonton	77	45	23	9	99	206	255
Seattle	75	41	26	8	90	259	240
Calgary	77	36	26	15	87	250	241
Vancouver	76	34	35	7	75	261	285
San Jose	76	22	39	15	59	223	291
Anaheim	77	23	44	10	56	195	317

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Vegas 4, Minnesota 3(SO)
Dallas 5, Nashville 1
Arizona at Seattle, late

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at Florida, 6p.m.
Columbus at Toronto, 6p.m.
Detroit at Montreal, 6p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 6p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 7p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 8p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 8p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 9:30p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Calgary at Winnipeg, 6:30p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Rangers 5, Washington 2
Boston 4, St. Louis 3, SO
Columbus 4, Ottawa 3, OT
Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2
Winnipeg 6, New Jersey 1
Detroit 5, Toronto 2
Los Angeles 4, Vancouver 1
Calgary 5, Anaheim 4

GOLF

LATE SUNDAY: LIV INVITATIONAL ORLANDO
3rd of 3 rounds, Orange County National, Orlando, Fla., 7,493 yards, Par: 71
TEAMS SCORES
\$3 mil. (1st); \$1.5 mil. (2nd); \$500,000 (3rd)
Torque-t -36 Smash-s -35
4Aces-a -34 Stinger-b -26
Cleeks-c -25 Majesticks-m -25
Fireballs-f -23 Rangeboats-r -21
HyFlyers-h -21 Crushers-d -19
Iron Heads-e -16 Ripper-f -15

INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS	
198 (-15)	\$4,000,000
b-Brooks Koepka	65-65-68
199 (-14)	\$2,200,000
t-Sebastian Munoz	62-71-66
201 (-12)	\$1,250,000
s-Dean Burmester	67-70-64
a-Patrick Reed	67-67-67
202 (-11)	\$750,000
b-Matthew Wolf	67-68-67
t-Mito Pereira	68-64-68
203 (-10)	\$600,000
a-Dustin Johnson	67-70-66
204 (-9)	\$468,333
f-Peter Uihlein	72-67-65
a-Carlos Ortiz	70-69-65
m-Sam Horsfield	70-66-68
205 (-8)	\$350,000
m-Henrik Stenson	67-72-66
b-Jason Kokrak	68-68-69
h-Cameron Tringale	70-66-69
c-Richard Brand	64-71-70
c-Laurie Canter	67-67-71
206 (-7)	\$265,000
d-Bryson DeChambeau	70-69-67
r-Thommas Pieters	68-71-67
f-Talor Gooch	69-69-68
r-Harold Varner III	66-72-68
m-Lee Westwood	66-71-69
s-Charl Schwartzel	71-65-70
207 (-6)	\$216,250
t-David Puig	68-72-67
e-Kevin Na	72-66-69
f-Scott Vincent	70-67-70
s-Branden Grace	67-70-70
208 (-5)	\$190,000
d-Charles Howell III	69-72-67
f-Jediah Morgan	71-70-67
f-Marc Leishman	68-72-68
f-Cameron Smith	69-68-71
f-Abraham Ancer	70-66-72
209 (-4)	\$165,000
a-Pat Perez	69-72-68
c-Graeme McDowell	71-67-71
t-Joaquin Niemann	70-68-71
d-Paul Casey	69-69-71
e-Danny Lee	65-67-74
210 (-3)	\$146,250
f-Eugenio Chacarra	72-72-66
h-Brendan Steele	71-72-67
c-Bernd Wiesberger	73-69-68
h-James Piot	72-66-72
212 (-1)	\$140,000
r-Bubba Watson	67-76-69
213 (even)	\$135,000
h-Phil Mickelson	70-76-67
s-Louis Oosthuizen	70-70-73
d-Andy Ogletree	69-70-74
214 (+1)	\$130,000
m-Ian Poulter	69-73-72
215 (+2)	\$127,500
f-Sergio Garcia	71-76-68
217 (+4)	\$123,750
b-Chase Koepka	67-76-74
f-Matt Jones	67-76-74
226 (+13)	\$120,000
e-Sihwan Kim	75-75-76

LATE SUNDAY: LPGA DIOIMPLANT LA OPEN
4th rounds, Palos Verdes Golf Club
Palos Verdes, Calif., 6,258 yards; Par: 71
Ruoning Yin 68-64-67-70 =269 -15
Georgia Hall 69-72-62-67 =270 -14
Hyo Joo Kim 66-66-69-71 =272 -12
Patty Tavatanakit 69-67-71-65 =272 -12
Carla Ciganda 73-71-63-66 =273 -11
Nelly Korda 68-70-68-67 =273 -11
Nasa Hataoka 67-66-71-70 =274 -10
Danielle Kang 71-68-65-70 =274 -10
Minami Katsu 71-70-70-63 =274 -10
Athayya Thitikul 72-66-66-71 =275 -9
Perrine Delacour 68-69-67-72 =276 -8
Lilia Vu 69-66-72-69 =276 -8
Megan Khang 66-69-72-72 =277 -7
M.A. Leblanc 67-67-71-72 =277 -7
Lizette Salas 73-64-73-67 =277 -7
Maja Stark 73-69-67-68 =277 -7
Hinako Shibuno 73-68-70-67 =278 -6
P. Annanurkarn 71-70-70-68 =279 -5
Hye Jin Choi 70-71-71-67 =279 -5
Charley Hull 68-69-71-71 =279 -5
Jessica Korda 68-72-67-72 =279 -5
Lucy Li 67-73-66-73 =279 -5
Wichanee Meechai 71-72-68-68 =279 -5
Hae-Ran Ryu 70-74-66-69 =279 -5
Matilda Castrén 70-69-71-70 =280 -4
Chella Choi 70-74-66-70 =280 -4
Jodi Ewart Shroff 69-70-67-74 =280 -4
Hannah Green 71-67-72-70 =280 -4
Mina Harigae 70-78-70-70 =280 -4
Moriya Utanugarn 72-68-70-70 =280 -4
Jin Young Ko 72-69-71-72 =280 -4
Jennifer Kupcho 7

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Top Dogs



UConn center Donovan Clingan hugs coach Dan Hurley after the Huskies beat San Diego State in the NCAA national championship game on Monday night in Houston. **DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP**

UConn caps dominant tournament run with win over Aztecs for 5th championship

HOUSTON — UConn topped off one of the most impressive March Madness runs in history Monday night, clamping down early and breaking it open late to bring home its fifth national title with a 76-59 victory over San Diego State. Adama Sanogo had 17 points and 10 rebounds and Tristen Newton also had a double-double with 19 points and 10 boards for the Huskies (31-8), who became the fifth team since the bracket expanded in 1985 to win all six NCAA Tournament games by double-digits on the way to a championship. They won the six games by an average of an even 20 points, only a fraction less than what North Carolina did in sweeping to the title in 2009.

UConn built a 16-point lead late in the first half, only to see the Aztecs (32-7) trim the lead to five with 5:19 left. But Jordan Hawkins (16 points) answered with a 3 to trigger a 9-0 run and the only drama left was whether UConn would cover the 7 ½-point spread and go six for six with double-digit wins. Keshad Johnson had 14 points for San Diego State, which came up one win shy in this, its first trip to the Final Four. UConn set the stage for this one over an 11:07 stretch in the first half during which the Aztecs didn't make a single basket. Unable to shoot over or go around this tall, long UConn team, they missed 14 straight shots from the floor. — AP ■ More coverage, **Page 2**

- Schools with most NCAA D-I titles**
- UCLA — 11
 - Kentucky — 8
 - North Carolina — 6
 - Duke — 5
 - Indiana — 5
 - UConn — 5
 - Kansas — 4
 - Villanova — 3
 - Seven schools tied at — 2



UConn's Adama Sanogo was all smiles during the second half of Monday's game. **CARMEN MANDATO/GETTY**



San Diego State guard Lamont Butler, left, knocks the ball away from UConn's Tristen Newton during the second half. **GODOFREDO A. VASQUEZ/AP**

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UConn's Adama Sanogo defends against San Diego State's Keshad Johnson during the NCAA title game. Sanogo was named most outstanding player of the Final Four and finished the tournament with an average of 19.7 points and 9.8 rebounds per game. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

THE GAME

Leaving no doubt

UConn smothers San Diego State in another dominant tourney performance

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

HOUSTON — After six games and 240 minutes of pure dominance that ran through March, then part of April, it finally became clear there was only one thing that could stop the UConn Huskies.

The final buzzer.

The team from Storrs, Connecticut, topped off one of the most impressive March Madness runs in history Monday night, clamping down early, then breaking things open late to bring home its fifth national title with a 76-59 victory over San Diego State.

“We have the four national championships coming in, right?” coach Dan Hurley said. “We were striving for No. 5. Now we’ve got our own.”

UConn star Adama Sanogo won Most Outstanding Player honors, finishing with 17 points and 10 rebounds in the final, and Tristen Newton also had a double-double with 19 points and 10 boards.

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Yes and Yes.

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UConn set the stage for this one over an 11:07 stretch in the first half during which the Aztecs didn’t make a single basket. Unable to shoot over or go around this tall, long UConn team, they missed 14 straight shots from the floor.

They went from leading by four to trailing by 11, and when they weren’t getting shots blocked (Alex Karaban had

three and Sanogo had one) or altered on the inside, they were coming up short — a telltale sign of a team that was out of hops after that draining 72-71 buzzer-beater win over Florida Atlantic two nights earlier.

UConn fan Bill Murray was one of the few celebrities on hand to watch the Huskies make it five for five in title games in one of the most unexpected Final Fours in history. This one marked the last that Jim Nantz would call after 37 years behind the mic.

He’s had a lot of UConn stories to tell, though this certainly wasn’t the most dramatic.

Even with that brief bout of uncertainty midway through the second half, UConn never truly let the Aztecs, who overcame a 14-point deficit in the semifinal, start thinking about any more last-second dramas.

“We knew we were the best team in the tournament going in, and we just had to play to our level,” Hurley said.

This was a team built strictly for 2023 — replenished by Hurley, who went to the transfer portal to find more outside shooting after back-to-back first-round exits in the tournament.

And yet, there was something decidedly old-school about the way the Huskies took care of business in the early going.

They didn’t even think much about 3-point shooting at the start, instead skip passing into Sanogo on the post and wearing down SDSU while building the early lead.

The Aztecs were too good a team to cave, and an over-pursuing defense is what triggered the late run to within five. But team built on defense finished the game only shooting 32% from the floor.

And after its late run, the Aztecs started getting burned and Hurley and Co. were hugging it out on the bench before the buzzer.

UConn’s latest coronation makes Hurley the third coach to bring a trophy home to Storrs He joins Jim Calhoun (1999, 2004, 2001) and Kevin Ollie (2014).

And Sanogo — make that Adama — adds himself to others on a first-name basis up on that campus — along with Huskies legends like Kemba (Walker), Rip (Hamilton) and Emeka (Okafor). He averaged 19.7 points and 9.8 rebounds over UConn’s six-game cruise through the tournament.



UConn guard Jordan Hawkins drives to the basket during the second half of the Huskies' victory. Hawkins missed the attempt for an emphatic dunk, but finished the game with 16 points and four rebounds. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP



UConn coach Dan Hurley cuts down the net after Monday night's victory. In 2020, Hurley put the Big East and nation on notice by saying, “we’re coming.” Throughout this year's tournament and against San Diego State, he made good on that promise. LOGAN RIELY/GETTY

ANALYSIS

UConn holds off late surge to capture No. 5

By John Marshall
Associated Press

HOUSTON — UConn had its way with San Diego State in a dominating first half, threatening to turn the national championship game into a monumental rout.

The Huskies buckled briefly when the Aztecs inevitably turned up the intensity before finding their footing again, finishing off one of the most dominant runs in NCAA Tournament history.

UConn held San Diego State without a basket for 11 minutes in the first half and held on when the Aztecs ratcheted up the defensive pressure, winning its fifth national championship with a 76-59 win on Monday night.

Getting the shots they wanted while draining the Aztecs’ confidence defensively, the Huskies (31-8) had fans wondering whether they should keep watching, building a 16-point lead.

San Diego State (32-7) got back in it by getting in the Huskies’ faces, trimming the lead to five with five minutes left. UConn responded with another dominating stretch, pushing the lead until it had a sixth straight double-digit win in the NCAA Tournament.

In the first half, UConn created and exploited cracks in San Diego State’s menacing defense, scoring at the rim, from the arc and in the lane.

The Huskies were downright nasty defensively, swatting shots, jumping into passing lanes, contesting shots all over the floor.

It started inside with Adama Sanogo and Donovan Clingan, who swatted and intimidated the Aztecs.

Their presence made the Aztecs not want to go inside and pass up shots when they did, like Nathan Mensah passing up an open jump hook to pass to a teammate who wasn’t looking. UConn’s Jordan Hawkins followed the turnover with a 3-pointer that put the Huskies up 26-14.

Even when the Aztecs got open shots, they couldn’t get any to fall. San Diego State missed 14 straight in a span of 11:09 as UConn stretched its lead to 36-20.

San Diego State managed to bog the game and the Huskies down in the second half, but still couldn’t make shots as UConn’s lead hovered in double figures.

Then the Aztecs made it interesting by doing what they do best — play defense.

San Diego State rallied from deficits of eight or more points to win its previous three games and seemed to rattle the Huskies by picking up their defensive pressure. The Aztecs cut off UConn’s drives, stayed close to its shooters and jumped passing lanes — like they had done to teams all season.

San Diego State went on a 9-0 run to pull within 56-50, but the uptick in intensity seemed to sap their energy.

Jordan Hawkins, who finished with 16 points, hit a 3-pointer off a screen and UConn scored nine straight points, on its way to building back up to 14.

San Diego State’s bid for a national championship ended in disappointment, UConn’s first title since 2014 had coach Dan Hurley pumping his fists and the confetti canons firing.

NCAA CHAMPIONS	
2023 — UConn 76, San Diego State 59	
2022 — Kansas 72, North Carolina 69	
2021 — Baylor 86, Gonzaga 70	
2020 — Canceled due to Covid-19	
2019 — Virginia 85, Texas Tech, 77(OT)	
2018 — Villanova 83, Michigan, 62	
2017 — North Carolina 71, Gonzaga, 65	
2016 — Villanova 77, North Carolina, 74	
2015 — Duke 68, Wisconsin, 63	
2014 — Connecticut 60, Kentucky, 54	
2013 — Louisville 82, Michigan, 76(vacated)	
2012 — Kentucky 67, Kansas, 59	
2011 — Connecticut 53, Butler, 41	
2010 — Duke 61, Butler, 59	
2009 — North Carolina 89, Michigan State, 72	
2008 — Kansas 75, Memphis, 68(OT)	
2007 — Florida 84, Ohio State, 75	
2006 — Florida 73, UCLA, 57	
2005 — North Carolina 75, Illinois, 70	
2004 — Connecticut 82, Georgia Tech, 73	
2003 — Syracuse 81, Kansas, 78	
2002 — Maryland 64, Indiana, 52	
2001 — Duke 82, Arizona, 72	
2000 — Michigan State 89, Florida, 76	
1999 — Connecticut 77, Duke, 74	
1998 — Kentucky 78, Utah, 69	
1997 — Arizona 84, Kentucky, 79(OT)	
1996 — Kentucky 76, Syracuse, 67	
1995 — UCLA 89, Arkansas, 78	
1994 — Arkansas 76, Duke, 72	
1993 — North Carolina 77, Michigan, 71	
1992 — Duke 71, Michigan, 51	
1991 — Duke 72, Kansas, 65	
1990 — UNLV 103, Duke, 73	
1989 — Michigan 80, Seton Hall, 79(OT)	
1988 — Kansas 83, Oklahoma, 79	
1987 — Indiana 74, Syracuse, 73	
1986 — Louisville 72, Duke, 69	
1985 — Villanova 66, Georgetown, 64	
1984 — Georgetown 84, Houston, 75	
1983 — North Carolina State 54, Houston, 52	
1982 — North Carolina 63, Georgetown, 62	
1981 — Indiana 63, North Carolina, 50	
1980 — Louisville 59, UCLA, 54	
1979 — Michigan State 75, Indiana State, 64	
1978 — Kentucky 94, Duke, 88	
1977 — Marquette 67, North Carolina, 59	
1976 — Indiana 86, Michigan, 68	
1975 — UCLA 92, Kentucky, 85	
1974 — North Carolina State 76, Marquette, 64	
1973 — UCLA 87, Memphis State, 66	
1972 — UCLA 81, Florida State, 76	
1971 — UCLA 68, Villanova, 62	
1970 — UCLA 80, Jacksonville, 69	
1969 — UCLA 92, Purdue, 72	
1968 — UCLA 78, North Carolina, 55	
1967 — UCLA 79, Dayton, 64	
1966 — UTEP 72, Kentucky, 65	
1965 — UCLA 91, Michigan, 80	
1964 — UCLA 98, Duke, 83	
1963 — Loyola 60, Cincinnati, 58(OT)	
1962 — Cincinnati 71, Ohio State, 59	
1961 — Cincinnati 70, Ohio State, 65(OT)	
1960 — Ohio State 75, California, 55	
1959 — California 71, West Virginia, 70	
1958 — Kentucky 84, Seattle, 72	
1957 — North Carolina 54, Kansas, 53(3OT)	
1956 — San Francisco 83, Iowa, 71	
1955 — San Francisco 77, LaSalle, 63	
1954 — La Salle 92, Bradley, 76	
1953 — Indiana 69, Kansas, 68	
1952 — Kansas 80, St. John's, 63	
1951 — Kentucky 68, Kansas State, 58	
1950 — CCNY 71, Bradley, 68	
1949 — Kentucky 46, Oklahoma A&M, 36	
1948 — Kentucky 58, Baylor, 42	
1947 — Holy Cross 58, Oklahoma, 40	
1946 — Oklahoma State 43, North Carolina, 40	
1945 — Oklahoma State 49, NYU, 45	
1944 — Utah 42, Dartmouth, 40(OT)	
1943 — Wyoming 46, Georgetown, 34	
1942 — Stanford 53, Dartmouth, 38	
1941 — Wisconsin 39, Washington State, 34	
1940 — Indiana 60, Kansas, 42	
1939 — Oregon 46, Ohio State, 33	